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Inbound Program for  
Visiting Early-Stage Researchers

# BIGSSS

DOCTORAL  
EDUCATION IN  
PARTNERSHIPS

DEPARTS

## The BIGSSS-departs PhD Program and Its Partner Network

In 2018, BIGSSS launches its **funded Inbound Program for visiting doctoral and post-doctoral researchers** in the frame of its new BIGSSS-departs PhD Program.

BIGSSS-departs is an international PhD program in the social sciences, co-funded by an EU-grant in the frame of the **European Union's Horizon 2020 Programme for Research and Innovation**. BIGSSS-departs offers to its early-stage researchers excellent doctoral studies that combine close supervision of dissertation work with early scientific independence. The doctoral program prepares PhD candidates for careers inside and outside of academia. Fellows commit themselves to a 42-month structured curriculum, including a three-to-six-month stay abroad at one of the network's renowned partner institutions:

### » Academic Partners

- \* Department of Sociology, Duke University (USA)
- \* Graduate School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh (Scotland, UK)
- \* Department of Psychology, National Research University Higher School of Economics (Russia)
- \* Institute of International Relations, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (Ukraine)
- \* Department of European Studies, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (India)
- \* Department of Social and Political Sciences, Università degli Studi di Milano (Italy)
- \* École Doctorale, Sciences Po Paris (France)
- \* Department of Political Science, University of Southern Denmark (Denmark)
- \* Center for European Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (USA)

### » Inter-Sectoral Partners

- \* Bertelsmann Stiftung (Germany)
- \* Edna Pasher Ph.d & Associates (Israel)
- \* ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius (Germany)
- \* Stifterverband (Germany)

## BIGSSS-departs Inbound Program for visiting early-stage researchers

BIGSSS-departs offers **doctoral and post-doctoral researchers** from its partner institutions the opportunity to conduct a visiting research stay at Bremen for up to six months. Reciprocal research stays at one of the network's partner institutions will make an invaluable contribution to the further increase of international mobility, the building of sustainable networks, and the cross-national exchange in the training of promising early-stage researchers.

BIGSSS is part of the vibrant social sciences research landscape at the University of Bremen and Jacobs University. Visiting doctoral and post-doctoral researchers alike profit from the graduate school's ties to a number of **out-standing social science research institutes**, such as **SOCIUM** and **InIS** at the University of Bremen and **Focus Area Diversity** at Jacobs University.

BIGSSS-departs is an international program, with **English as teaching and working language**. Visiting PhD candidates and postdocs are encouraged to get engaged with the researchers of BIGSSS and the affiliated research institutes as well as to participate in the courses and events offered in **BIGSSS' three thematic fields**:

- Global Governance and Regional Integration** (BIGSSS @ University of Bremen)
- Welfare State, Inequality, and Quality of Life** (BIGSSS @ University of Bremen)
- Changing Lives in Changing Socio-Cultural Contexts** (BIGSSS @ Jacobs University)

Furthermore, visiting doctoral researchers benefit from the **expertise in quantitative and qualitative empirical research methods** offered by the **BIGSSS Methods Center** (BIGSSS @ both universities).

## Conditions of the BIGSSS-departs Inbound Program

### » Workspace and Infrastructure

- \* All visiting researchers receive an office space, IT infrastructure, and library access at BIGSSS

### » Best time for a research stay

- \* The best time to visit BIGSSS @ University of Bremen is during the semester times October-January and March-June.
- \* The best time to visit BIGSSS @ Jacobs University is during the semester times September-December and February-May

### » Length of the research stay

- \* BIGSSS encourages research stays of a minimum of 2 months for up to 6 months.

### » Financial support

Visiting researchers from our partner network can apply for travel grants to co-finance their stay at BIGSSS.

In case of a successful application, the following terms and conditions apply:

- \* Doctoral and postdoctoral researchers have to apply by submitting an application at least 10 weeks before the planned arrival date at BIGSSS. For application requirements and procedures, please visit the BIGSSS-departs Inbound Program website.
- \* Applicants will be informed about their application within two weeks after submission.
- \* The BIGSSS-departs inbound travel grants cover the following costs: (a) return ticket (economy) from city of partner institute to Bremen, (b) unlimited BSAG public transport ticket in Bremen for 2 months, (c) a general one-time living allowance of €1300.
- \* Payment/Reimbursement procedure: The one-time living allowance of €1300 will be made in cash on the first working day at BIGSSS. The reimbursement of the flight/train ticket and the BSAG public transport ticket will only be made after submission of all original travel receipts (boarding passes, proofs of payment) to BIGSSS' administration.