

3 Graduate Research Scholarships

in the Project "Governance and Social Action in Sudan after the Peace Agreement of 2005: local, national, and regional dimensions"

Building up governance structures is increasingly considered as a means to counter state decay and deal constructively with internal conflicts. Sudan is a case in point where the government and the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement/Army have agreed on wealth and power sharing, institutionalised by an interim Government of South Sudan and transitional governments in the federal states. Aims are to build infrastructure and deliver social services while holding revenues subject to public accountability.

An actor-oriented perspective will be applied to investigate the dynamics of state-society relations and ways of establishing legitimacy of rule in areas which are shaped by complex conflict patterns. The research sites in Sudan will be in Upper Nile, Jonglei and Unity states and in South Kordofan. Regional dimensions will be covered by analyzing spill-over effects to Gambella across the Ethiopian border and influences on governance structures from the Sudanese diaspora in Kenya at sites in Turkana, settlements in the Rift Valley and some quarters in Nairobi. **(details under <http://www.iwim.uni-bremen.de/projekt.htm>).**

The project will be carried out in the framework of academic cooperation between the University of Bremen, the University of Khartoum, the Ahfad University of Women, the University of Juba, the Addis Ababa University and the University of Nairobi. **Future cooperation with the Universities of Dilling and Upper Nile University will be appreciated. Postgraduate students from Sudan, and in particular from these two universities, are requested to apply in order to make use of this opportunity to get academic qualifications under international guidance.**

We offer

3 graduate research scholarships for social scientists and related disciplines from Sudan with a duration of 12 months. Southern Sudanese women will be preferably selected if they have the required qualifications.

General Requirements for Application

Eligibility

Applicants must be university graduates and need to have at least a class II B.A. or B.Sc. degree.

Own Research Proposals

Applicants have to submit their own research proposal which should be drafted within the framework of the general project the full text of which is accessible at www.iwim.uni-bremen.de.

The proposal should comprise between 10 and 15 pages and include

- **an abstract of not more than 150 words**
- **the aims of the particular research project**
- **a literature review**
- **the research question**
- **the intended methodological approach**
- **previous expertise of the applicant.**

Attachments

The applications should further include

- **a curriculum vitae**
- **certificates of university degrees and other qualifications.**

Specific Requirements

Applicants must have a B.A. or B.Sc. degree and be in their final phase of studying.

Participation in the project will offer an opportunity for field research on the basis of which the students should write their theses. The selected students will have to attend a training course in methods and theory at the University of Khartoum / Development Studies and Research Institute. They are expected to be fully involved in the second phase of field research and work on case studies in two of the above research sites from the beginning of January to the end of March 2007. Then they will have five months time to evaluate their data and write the theses. After handing in the theses, the students will get assignments. The period of the scholarship will end on August 31, 2007.

Research proposals should be written on the basis of the general research project and include an outline of the thesis topic according to the applicant's subject of study.

General Terms and Procedures

Selection Procedure

The shortlisted applicants will be invited to a selection workshop at the University of Khartoum probably on July 31, 2006.

There the applicants will present their proposals and relate them to the general project and answer questions of the scholarly selection commission.

Terms and Conditions of Award

The effective date of the research scholarship for newly registered full-time research students with at least B.A. or B.Sc. degrees will be September 1, 2006. The maximum period of the scholarship will be until August 31, 2007.

The research scholarship will carry a monthly stipend of 400 € for 12 months. The students are expected to finance accommodation during their stays in the research sites from the stipend. Transport will be covered by the project budget.

There will be a probationary period of three months. Bi-monthly reports about the progress of the research will have to be submitted to the supervisors.

Background information on the project is available at the homepage of the Institute of World Economics and International Management, www.iwim.uni-bremen.de.

Applications with research proposals should be sent by e-mail or fax to the Institute of World Economics and International Management (IWIM) at the University of Bremen, Germany, e-mail: iwim@uni-bremen.de, Fax no.+49-421-2184550 during June 2006 and arrive here not later than June 30, 2006.

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