

Giessen University's **International Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture (GCSC)**, funded by the German federal government's Excellence Initiative from 2007 until 2019, offers a three-year structured PhD programme in the study of culture. With its excellent research environment, a doctoral programme which is tailored to the needs of PhD students and the intensive personal support it provides, the Graduate Centre offers postgraduate students optimum conditions for their PhD projects and a custom-made preparation for the time thereafter, both with regard to academic and non-academic careers.

On initiative of the **Dr.-Herbert-Stolzenberg Foundation** and the **President of Justus-Liebig University Giessen**, the GCSC will once more grant awards for the advancement of research merits to outstanding young scholars in two categories:

Dr.-Herbert-Stolzenberg Award for the Study of Culture

**for Excellent
Dissertation Projects in the Study of Culture**

as well as

**for Excellence in Higher Education Teaching
by Doctoral and Postdoctoral Researchers**

All awards amount up to 2,000 € and serve the advancement of young researchers. They may contribute towards own research purposes (covering printing costs, purchasing of research and teaching material, research trip funding etc.).

Applications are to be submitted as hard copy to the GCSC, Alter Steinbacher Weg 38, 35394 Giessen, and additionally as pdf per email to gcsc@gcsc.uni-giessen.de by **August 15, 2020** along with the following documents:

Award for Excellent Dissertation Projects Award for Excellence in HE Teaching

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Recommendation / nomination by one of the dissertation supervisors- One copy of the dissertation- A 10-page summary of the dissertation- Copies of both evaluation reports; alternatively recommendations by both supervisors- GCSC transcript, or list detailing courses attended and providing overview of extracurricular activities engaged in at the GCSC | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Syllabus of seminar taught at Justus Liebig University Gießen- 3-5 page description of course design (including learning objectives, methods, teaching concept etc.)- List of participants- Student evaluations- CV including presentations, publications, and courses taught- 1-2 page cover letter in which nominees assess their course in view of one |
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- CV including presentations, publications, and courses taught or more of the evaluation criteria provided below
- 1-2 page cover letter, in which nominees assess their dissertation project in view of one or more of the evaluation criteria provided below

Conditions for nomination

- Present or prior GCSC membership
- Dissertation submitted to JLU after January 1, 2019
- Dissertation awarded *Prädikat* (with dissertations submitted but not yet graded after the defense, the explicit nomination by a doctoral supervisor is required in addition to the departmental evaluation reports)
- Present or prior GCSC membership as doctoral or postdoctoral member
- At least one semester of teaching at JLU from WS 2018/19 onwards

Evaluation criteria

- Excellent research in the Study of Culture
 - Interdisciplinarity
 - Innovative topic and/or methodology
 - Internationality of the project
 - Relevance to society
 - Contribution to the GCSC
 - In accordance with the principles of research-based teaching and learning
 - Didactic and methodical innovations
 - Appropriate and needs-based teaching concept
 - Transfer of research in the study of culture to undergraduate courses
- Not all criteria have to be met to an equal extent. Please comment in your cover letter on the criteria which your project satisfies particularly well.

Selection Committee

A committee, consisting of GCSC selection committee members, as well as, as external member, the head of Giessen's *Zentrum für fremdsprachliche und berufsfeldorientierte Kompetenzen (ZfbK)*, will confer the awards from the suggestions submitted. From the selection committee, 3 professors, 1 postdoc and 1 doctoral candidate will be appointed out of the respective status groups. For Awards for Excellence in HE Teaching, two students from faculties covering the Study of Culture will join the commission. External reviewers will be asked for comments if required.

Award ceremony

All nominees will be informed about the decisions of the selection committees