



Wicked Problems, Contested Administrations:  
Knowledge, Coordination, Strategy



The University of Potsdam,  
DFG Research Training Group on  
**“Wicked Problems, Contested Administrations:  
Knowledge, Coordination, Strategy” (WIPCAD)**  
calls for applications for:

**3 Doctoral Fellowships  
funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)**

**2 Doctoral Fellowships  
funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)**

The **Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences at the University of Potsdam** is calling for applications for its DFG Research Training Group on “Wicked Problems, Contested Administrations: Knowledge, Coordination, Strategy” (WIPCAD). The Research Training Group studies the interrelationships between “wicked” policy problems and the development of administrative organizations, including inter-organizational settings.

The **WIPCAD research program** is based on systematic interdisciplinary cooperation between political and administrative sciences, sociology and public management. It is underpinned by a qualification and gender equality concept that encourages junior scholars from both Germany and abroad to engage with neighboring disciplines; to ground their studies theoretically; to acquire the necessary research skills; to gain international experience; and to prepare them for future careers in academia and in the public sector.

Scholarship recipients will participate in seminars and develop their own dissertation and research agenda within the scope of the qualification program. The language of instruction is English. Proficiency in English is required.

**Applicants** must hold a Diploma or a Master’s degree in political and administrative sciences, sociology or public management. In exceptional cases, graduates with degrees from closely related fields may be considered.

**Key selection criteria** are the quality of the PhD proposal, its fit with the overall thematic agenda of the Research Training Group, its innovative potential and its likely contribution to the state of knowledge in public administration.

DFG-Fellowships are open to all nationalities, while DAAD-Fellowships are reserved for non-German applicants. Their selection will be coordinated with the DAAD Selection board.

Non-German applicants will automatically be considered for both, DFG- and DAAD-funded, fellowships.

DFG-funded doctoral fellows will receive a monthly scholarship of € 1365 for up to 36 months, contingent on successful completion of each year. DAAD-funded doctoral fellows will receive a monthly scholarship of € 1000 and additional health insurance contributions for up to 36 months, contingent on successful completion of each year.

International students are strongly encouraged to apply. The Faculty strives to increase the share of women in the university and hence strongly encourages women to apply. Applicants with disabilities who are equally qualified will be favored. Applicants with alternative sources of funding are welcome.

All doctoral fellowships will start October 1, 2013.

Applications should be submitted via e-mail  
by **March 25, 2013**. For the specific admission  
requirements please consult our website  
**[www.wipcad-potsdam.de/admission](http://www.wipcad-potsdam.de/admission)**

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