

PFH Private University of Applied Sciences Göttingen in cooperation with the University of Groningen, Tbilisi State University and KIMEP University Almaty offer

4 PhD positions

starting on 1st January 2016, for a fixed term of 3 years.

Graduates from the social sciences, in particular from economics, political science, administrative sciences and related fields are invited to apply.

The PhD candidates will be involved in conducting a multidisciplinary research project funded by the Volkswagen Foundation (VolkswagenStiftung). The research project investigates the potential of state governance in promoting economic development and growth. The aim of the project is to study the institutional and administrative foundations and policy instruments of state-led economic policy approaches in emerging economies. The project encompasses the post-Soviet region with particular focus on Georgia and Kazakhstan. The PhD candidates will be based in Germany and spend a considerable period of time at the partner institutions in Georgia or Kazakhstan. They will be integrated in a wider research group.

Participation in academic meetings and international conferences, soft-skill courses and supportive mentoring to advance research skills will complement the PhD training. The candidates are expected to organize academic workshops at the partner institutions and compose academic and policy papers as part of the PhD thesis. A full-time scholarship of monthly 1050 EUR, coverage of travel expenses, health care allowance, technical equipment and organizational assistance will be provided.

Requirements include a Masters degree in a relevant field, good knowledge in quantitative and qualitative methods, interest in institutional analysis and economic policy research and to work in a highly interactive, multidisciplinary field. Independence, flexibility, organizational skills and proficiency in English as well as in Georgian or Russian /Kazakh are required. Previous research experience with East Asia would be an asset.

Women are explicitly invited to apply. Handicapped applicants (m/f) will be considered with preference in case of equal qualification. Candidates from Georgia and Kazakhstan are particularly encouraged to apply.

Please send your full application including a motivation letter, CV with contact details of two academic referees, academic certificates, a one-page summary of your own research interests and, if available, a work sample to: governance@pfh.de. Closing date for the application is 7th September 2015. For further information, please contact:

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