

PhD Fellowship, "Build Back Better", TU Darmstadt / Gerda Henkel Foundation

Darmstadt, Aug 1, 2022–Aug 1, 2024

Application deadline: Jun 20, 2022

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The Institute of History at the Technical University of Darmstadt (Department of Modern History, Prof. Dr. Nicolai Hannig) is looking for a scholarship fellow for the research project "Build Back Better", funded by the Gerda Henkel Foundation, starting August 1, 2022 for an expected period of 3 years.

In two subprojects with different regional focuses, the research project examines the reconstruction of cities after earthquakes and investigates what role local cultures of memory played in this process. Subproject I examines humanitarian architectures in reconstruction in South America. The scholarship is awarded for Subproject II, which evaluates the significance of monuments and cultural assets for disaster management since 1945, focusing on earthquakes in Italy and the former Yugoslavia. The main aim is to identify and historically evaluate relevant actors such as local self-help groups, relief organizations, authorities, national and international research and prevention initiatives.

The range of tasks include in particular:

- Preparation and independent execution of subproject II through a dissertation/PhD.
- Archival research
- Preparation and implementation of a joint project workshop of the research project
- Participation in joint publications of the research project
- Willingness to cooperate on an interdisciplinary basis and to communicate research results to the political and social public, especially with the involvement of the Gerda Henkel Foundation's science portal L.I.S.A.

The fellowship is endowed with 1,600 € per month. Child allowances are paid (€400 for one child, €100 per month for each additional child). Travel and material funds are also available.

The research project serves as an academic qualification through a dissertation/PhD in the subject of history.

Applicants may have an academic background preferably in research fields of History, Sociology, Art History, Architectural History, Urban Studies, Heritage Studies, Ethnology, Geography, regional Studies of Eastern as well as South-Eastern Europe. Italian language skills and/or knowledge of Slavic languages, (especially Macedonian and/or Serbian) or the willingness to acquire such language skills are beneficial for the application process.

The Technical University of Darmstadt aims to increase the proportion of women on its staff and therefore particularly encourages women to apply. Applicants with a degree of disability of at least 50 or equivalent will be given preference in case of equal suitability.

By submitting your application, you consent to your data being stored and processed for the purpose of the recruitment process. A data protection declaration can be found on our homepage.

Please send your application documents (cover letter, curriculum vitae, if applicable teaching and publication lists, certificates incl. Master's degree in German or English) bundled in one pdf document to Prof. Dr. Nicolai Hannig, Technische Universität Darmstadt, Institut für Geschichte, Dolivostraße 15, 64293 Darmstadt, Email: sekr-nng@pg.tu-darmstadt.de.

Please submit applications until 20th June 2022.

Unfortunately, application costs cannot be covered.

Please contact Prof. Dr. Nicolai Hannig (nicolai.hannig@tu-darmstadt.de) for further information.

Please find the complete call online, available in English and German: <http://www.hsozkult.de/grant/id/stip-118106>

For more information regarding the special research program "Security, Society and State" of Gerda Henkel Foundation in English and German: <https://www.gerda-henkel-stiftung.de/spsss>

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