

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Scholarship for the Doctoral Program “Ethics and Responsible Leadership in Business”

The Wittenberg Center for Global Ethics (WCGE) hosts the Doctoral Program “Ethics and Responsible Leadership in Business” (ERL). For the intake in September 2017, the program will award **one doctoral scholarship** in cooperation with the Global Ethic Institute (WEIT) and the Karl Schlecht Stiftung.

The program is designed for exceptionally talented and motivated graduate students whose research interests relate to responsible leadership in a global business context. In addition to providing the students with subject-specific qualifications, the program aims to embed students’ research into a broader theoretical and socio-political framework. An essential component of the program is a dialog platform, which brings together the academic expertise of leading business ethics professors, the know-how of international corporations, and the perspectives of civil society actors. The program promotes research that is theoretically well-informed and, at the same time, offers feasible solutions for doing business responsibly in the global market. Proposals must make a contribution to the academic discourse, corporate practice and the public debate.

Topical focus and study program

In the modern, global society, the responsibility of companies and their decision-makers is becoming more and more prevalent as a topic every day. However, corporations and their managers can only be expected to make a constructive contribution to this situation if they have the necessary leadership competences that enable them to build public trust and to maintain their corporate license-to-operate in the long term. **The program accepts applications from students whose research proposals address problems of responsible business conduct either on the institutional, company or individual level. Proposals should emphasize the practical relevance of the research goal and bear reference to the global context.**

In order to support the students with knowledge of specific concepts and methodologies, the successful candidate will, together with further stipendiaries, participate in a comprehensive study and field project program. The program is located in Lutherstadt Wittenberg; living within reach is a pre-requisite for admission to the program so that participation in seminars and regular intellectual exchange amongst students, professors and WCGE staff is possible. The WEIT stipendiary is expected to present his dissertation work once per year in Tübingen and participate in further WEIT conferences and events once or twice per year.

Admission and sponsoring

Admission to the doctoral program requires that students are supervised by **Prof. Dr. Claus Dierksmeier**, Director of the Global Ethic Institute and Associated Professor at the Institute for Political Science at the University of Tübingen. Applicants should familiarize themselves with the research interests of Prof. Dierksmeier and propose a dissertation project that resonates with these and with the overall focus of the doctoral program. Candidates must hold an above-average masters or diploma degree in a field that is relevant for their individual research proposal.

Applications should include:

- An exposé describing the research proposal (max. 15 pages), including an executive summary
- A letter of motivation (max. 2 pages)

- At least one letter of reference
- A university certificate which fulfills the conditions for obtaining a PhD at the University of Tübingen (incl. transcript of records)
- If applicable, certificates of employment and a publication list
- A CV

The program's academic committee will, together with WEIT and KSG, decide about acceptance to the doctoral program and the scholarship. The scholarship will start after admittance to the doctoral program at the University of Tübingen. The monthly stipend rate will be 1.350 Euros, including material and travel costs. The scholarship can be granted for up to three years, depending on the progress of the dissertation projects and the completion of the requirements in the study and practical program, which will be assessed on an annual basis. It is expected that the dissertation project is completed within the proposed three years period. Further information can be found on www.ethicsinbusiness.eu and <http://www.weltethos-institut.org/en/institute/>. Applications close on **31st March 2017**.

Please send your application, preferably per email, **as one pdf file** (max. 4MB), to:

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