



ANNOUNCEMENT

The Doctoral Research Group “**Transnational Social Support and Old Age**” at the University of Mainz, Germany, will award

3 Doctoral Scholarships

starting at the earliest possible date

Cross-border developments in old age are of increasing relevance in the context of the worldwide demographic transformations. They challenge the so far often nationally framed social support systems as well as social and old age policies. The interdisciplinary doctoral group “**Transnational Social Support and Old Age**” examines how social support is created, experienced and challenged in older people’s transnational lifeworlds in different (trans-)regional contexts.

Applicants need to have a university degree (MA) acquired within the last two years in Social Work, Education, Social Sciences, Social or Cultural Anthropology and an exceptional track record of academic accomplishment. Applicants need to be familiar with the subject matter of the Doctoral Research Group, possess relevant knowledge of empirical social research and have good English language skills.

The offer of a lively interdisciplinary exchange and intensive structures of supervision accompanies the scholarship. This includes the participation in a continuous study program and the access to further support services from the University of Mainz. Scholarship holders are expected to reside in Mainz or its environs for the duration of the scholarship.

The scholarship amounts to 1,400 € monthly and can be awarded for a period of two years. Additionally, an annual allowance of 1,200 € can also be offered.

A complete application must comprise:

- a Curriculum Vitae, including a description of the applicant’s academic career,
- copies of certificates and diplomas,
- a research proposal of the dissertation planned, including the research question, methodological considerations, the status of current research on the topic, a working plan including a time schedule and any work on the topic that the applicant might have already completed (max. 5 pages),
- a motivation letter (max. 2 pages).

The University of Mainz recognizes the need for an increased proportion of women in research and teaching. Therefore, we encourage women to apply.

Applications must be in either German or English and are to be sent via email to Prof. Dr. Cornelia Schweppe, e-mail: c.schweppe@uni-mainz.de, by **January 20, 2019**.