

Call for Applications

The University of Regensburg, with over 20,000 students, is an innovative and interdisciplinary campus university offering a wide range of study programmes and research activities.

The Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies (GS OSES^{UR}) is an interdisciplinary and cross-faculty research network of the University of Regensburg, established in 2012 and financed by the University of Regensburg and the Bavarian State Ministry for Science and the Arts. It organizes a comprehensive doctoral training program designed to provide doctoral researchers with the skills and resources for the successful and timely completion of their PhD project. It offers training and advice both for academic and non-academic post-doctoral careers. For more information see: <http://www.gsoses-ur.de>

With its primary regional focus on East and Southeast Europe, the Graduate School collaborates across the following disciplines: History, Literary, Language and Cultural Studies, Social Anthropology, Law, and Area Studies. Research at the GS OSES^{UR} focuses particularly on interrelations and interdependencies between East and Southeast Europe and other parts of the world. For this reason, the school's expertise in Area Studies is complemented by insights from European History, North American Studies and other Area Studies, as present in the newly founded Department of Interdisciplinary and Multiscalar Area Studies (DIMAS). The Graduate School also closely cooperates with the Leibniz ScienceCampus "Europe and America in the Modern World". The GS OSES^{UR} therefore especially welcomes projects with a transnational / transregional or comparative approach.

The Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies is offering two part-time positions (50%) to be filled from 1 April 2026 as a

Pre-Doctoral Researcher (m / f / d).

The fixed-term contract is limited to 6 months (§ 14 Abs. 2 TzBfG), an extension for a further six months is intended. The successful candidate will be expected to develop an innovative PhD project and to write a funding application (to be submitted during the employment period) to securing the means to pursue a doctoral degree. The remuneration will be up to the E13 level of the German public sector pay grade (TV-L).

Your responsibilities

- Preparing and submitting a funding application for a doctoral degree, ideally to be pursued at the University of Regensburg, with the planned dissertation contributing to the thematic focus of the GS OSES^{UR}
- Participating in the doctoral programme of the GS OSES^{UR}
- Participating in the outreach and transfer activities and other ongoing initiatives of the of the GS OSES^{UR} and its partner institutions in Regensburg
- Developing your visibility as an early career researcher through publications, participation in conferences, international networking and research trips
- The position carries a teaching obligation amounting to a total of 2.5 contact hours per week (SWS).

Your profile

- An excellent track record, including a postgraduate degree (Master, Diploma, Staatsexamen or equivalent) in a relevant subject. If you have not yet formally graduated, you should have at least submitted your master's thesis (or equivalent) by the application deadline.
- You have not yet started a doctoral degree neither in Germany nor abroad
- You are proposing an original research project relevant to the research themes of the GS OSES^{UR}
- You are open to interdisciplinary collaboration and approaches
- You have an interest in the categories of space and entanglement
- You possess knowledge of languages relevant to the proposed research project
- You have excellent English language skills, German language skills are a plus

How to apply?

- Application only via the online portal of the University of Regensburg:
- Deadline: 6 January 2026
- The application shall include the following documents:
 - Cover letter (1 page), explaining your motivation to join the Graduate School
 - Outline of your proposed doctoral project (3-4 pages), including details of why you consider it relevant to the GS OSES^{UR} and why you are suited to undertake this project
 - Project schedule (timeline/work plan for the period of 12 months)
 - Indication of who could serve as your primary supervisor at GS OSES^{UR}
 - CV, including any publications or talks given
 - Copies of your certificates (degrees and secondary education, language certificates etc.)
 - Abstract (max. 1 page) of your master's thesis
 - Contact details of two university lecturers or professors who could provide a reference if requested

What we offer

- Excellent conditions for developing an innovative doctoral project in the humanities, cultural studies, social sciences, and law relating to East and Southeast Europe, including connections between these areas and their relationship to the global world
- An internationally visible and dynamic research environment including participation in the doctoral programme of the Graduate School and cooperation with relevant area studies platforms and institutions in Regensburg, including the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS), the Leibniz ScienceCampus, DIMAS, Denkraum Ukraine, and seeFField
- Support for early career researchers through the University's Center for Graduate & Postgraduate Researchers (WIN)
- The opportunity to apply for additional funding for research and conference trips
- Intense advice, including peer mentoring
- A global network of partner institutions
- Family-friendly structures and sensitivity to issues of equity and diversity, based on the Graduate School's comprehensive guidelines
- A workplace in Regensburg, whose Old Town is inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list

The University of Regensburg aims to increase the number of women among the faculty, and therefore explicitly encourages applications by qualified women. The University of Regensburg is particularly committed to reconciling family and working life (for more information, see <https://www.uni-regensburg.de/en/university/profile/diversity>). In case of essentially similar suitability, applicants with severe disabilities will be preferentially selected. Please indicate any severe disability in your application. Please note that the University of Regensburg does not reimburse any expenses related to job interviews.

If you have any questions regarding the position, please send them to Dr Heidrun Hamersky (email: heidrun.hamersky@ur.de; phone +49 (0)941 943-5332).

We look forward to receiving your applications by **6 January 2026** via the University's online application portal, please click [here](#) or use this QR Code:



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