

Mercator Research Fellowship at the NRW School of Governance (Duisburg, Germany)

- CALL FOR FELLOWS 2013 -

1. The Mercator Research Fellowship

The NRW School of Governance (University of Duisburg-Essen) and the Mercator Foundation (Stiftung Mercator) will grant various *Mercator Research Fellowships* between 2013 and 2016 with the aim to intensify the international exchange of scientists.

The *Mercator Research Fellowship* Program enables postdoc-researchers with an academic background in the social sciences to further or finish their research at the *NRW School of Governance* (Institute of political science; University of Duisburg-Essen). Furthermore, Fellows will be involved in the various and diverse activities of the institute. *Mercator Research Fellowships* offer visits to Duisburg for a duration of three to six months.

Whilst staying in Duisburg, *Mercator Research Fellows* will enjoy the freedom of being able to either develop new research-ideas and -questions within a young and innovative research-environment or to conclude ongoing research-projects in Duisburg. The *Mercator Research Fellowship* is designed to provide maximum autonomy for the researcher, in order to pursue new and creative research projects.

Fellows will be provided with an office at the *NRW School of Governance* and will be integrated into a lively campus that will foster daily interaction with fellow professors, research assistants and students. In order to make your stay in Duisburg as comfortable as possible we happily assist you in finding the right accommodation to suit your needs, for example at the international guest house of the university, which is within close walking distance from the *NRW School of Governance*. We will also organize your travels to and from Duisburg.

The Fellowship will be remunerated. The specific amount of the scholarship is subject to your qualification and will be closely tied to the rates provided by the Humboldt Foundation. No further expenses are covered.

2. Contributions and Duties of perspective Fellows

Mercator Research Fellows will contribute to the research profile of the *NRW School of Governance* with its wide range of research interests. As a *Mercator Research Fellow* an active contribution to research, to teaching and to the many events at *the NRW School of Governance* and the institute of political science at the University of Duisburg-Essen will be expected. However, you will have no obligation to teach courses. Yet, you are expected to interact and exchange ideas with colleagues and PhD-Students on a regular basis and to actively take part in research colloquia, lectures and seminars. Further research expeditions might be granted whilst your stay in Duisburg.

3. Application/Admission

Fellowships will be awarded by a commission of the NRW School of Governance. Applicants for the Mercator Research Fellowship are required to draft a short outline of their research

project (max. 5 Pages / around 3.000 Words). Please apply digitally, including your research outline as well as your full CV and a list of publications. Please also include the preferred dates for your stay in Duisburg. Applications should be addressed to Mr. Markus Hoffmann, who is manager of the **NRW School of Governance**. Submit your application by September 20th 2013 via E-Mail to:

- markus.hoffmann@uni-due.de

For full details please contact Mr. Hoffmann who will gladly answer any questions you might have regarding the application process or to the *Mercator research Fellowship*.

4. The Partners in Cooperation

The *Stiftung Mercator* is one of Germany's biggest private foundations. *Mercator* initiates and supports projects that enable better educational opportunities at schools and at universities. As defined by its name giver, *Gerhard Mercator*, the foundation promotes projects that seek to contribute to the premises of open-mindedness and tolerance through intercultural encounter and the exchange of knowledge and culture.

The *NRW School of Governance* is a professional school for political and policy science. The school is both active in research and in education and has high recognition and reputation within the german-speaking political science community. The *NRW School of Governance* is part of a public university with a clear public mission in education. Theoretically reflected case teaching is one main ingredient of the offered Master-Degree program "Politikmanagement; Public Policy and öffentliche Verwaltung" (political management, public policy and public administration). Applied political science is a core component in research and in the PhD-Programs provided. Scientific policy advice is offered to institutions, governments and the public sector. The *NRW School of Governance* offers a central geographic Location at the University of Duisburg-Essen, close to the major European centers of political decision making.