



Grant offer to prepare an application for a PhD stipend at Humboldt-University, Berlin

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The department of Personality Development of the Humboldt-University Berlin (Prof. Dr. Jaap Denissen) offers up to 9 grants to prepare an application for a PhD stipend by an external funding agency (national talent scholarships, foreign exchange agencies such as the German DAAD, etc.).

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The grant will be offered in the form of a lump sum payment of € 5000 to cover a period of approximately 5 months. During the first month, the applicant is expected to prepare a competitive research proposal, whereas the remaining 4 months should be spent on analyzing and publishing (as first or co-author) data that have already been collected at the department. The grant ends when the applicant receives a decision by the funding agency.

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One requirement for a successful application is a close thematic fit between the research interests of the applicant and the research program of the department of Personality Development. This can be evaluated by visiting the homepage of the department or checking the publication list of Prof. Denissen. A second requirement is that the applicant belongs to the best 5% of his or her cohort in terms of academic achievements.

Please note that the competition for PhD stipends can be fierce, so a successful application cannot be guaranteed. Also, the grant does not offer the same benefits as a regular work contract (e.g., in terms of health benefits). However, a successful stipend application offers an important advantage by allowing applicants to freely choose a research question that matches their own talents and interests. In addition, holders of a PhD stipend do not have any teaching obligations.

Applications can be send to Prof. Dr. Jaap Denissen throughout the entire year (until the end of 2011), though they should take the deadlines of the aspired funding agencies into account. Applications should include the following materials:

- 1) An application letter
- 2) A description of the research interests of the applicant (1-2 A4 pages)
- 3) A curriculum vitae
- 4) Copies of diplomas and academic achievements
- 5) A list of possible agencies that could fund the applicant's PhD proposal

Kind regards,

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