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## Application/Admission

The DIW Berlin Graduate Center welcomes applications from highly qualified and motivated post-graduate students from all over the world.

To apply for the socio-economic training program, applicants must hold an MA degree or a Diploma in Economics or Social Sciences. Degrees in related fields (such as Civil Engineering or Statistics) also fulfill the requirements of the program.

Come and join DIW Berlin's vital intellectual community of outstanding scholars.

For the detailed requirements and the application procedure, see [www.diw.de](http://www.diw.de)

## People

The faculty of the Graduate Center consists of a permanent staff and invited visiting lecturers.

Klaus F. Zimmermann, President of DIW Berlin, Director of the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA Bonn), Professor of Economics at University of Bonn, Honorary Professor at the Freie Universität Berlin, Research Fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)

Georg Meran, Dean of the Graduate Center, Vice-President of DIW Berlin and Professor of Environmental Economics, Technische Universität Berlin

Charles Beat Blankart, Professor of Public Economics, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

Badi Baltagi, Professor of Economics, Syracuse University, NY

Friedel Bolle, Professor of Economic Theory, Europa-Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder

Tilman Brück, Head of the Department International Economics at DIW Berlin and Junior Professor of Economics, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

Irwin Collier, Professor of Economics, Freie Universität Berlin

Jürgen Gerhards, Professor of Macrosociology, Freie Universität Berlin

Amelie Constant, Visiting Professor at Georgetown Public Policy Institute, Senior Research Associate IZA, Bonn

Uwe Hassler, Professor for Statistics and Econometric Methods, Goethe Universität in Frankfurt/Main

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Christian von Hirschhausen, Professor of Energy Economics and Public Sector Management, Technische Universität Dresden

Stephen Jenkins, Professor of Applied Economics, University of Essex, UK

Claudia Kemfert, Head of the Department Energy, Transportation, Environment at DIW Berlin and Professor of Environmental

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Dorothea Kübler, Professor of Microeconomics, Technische Universität Berlin

Hans-Georg Petersen, Professor of Public Economics, Universität Potsdam

Michael Pflüger, Professor of International Economics, Universität Passau

Philipp Schröder, Associated Professor at the Department of Economics, Århus School of Business, DK

Andreas Stephan, Junior Professor of Economics, Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder

Viktor Steiner, Head of the Department Public Economics at DIW Berlin and Professor of Economics, Freie Universität Berlin

Alfred Steinherr, Head of the Department Macro Analysis and Forecasting at DIW Berlin and Professor of Economics, Free University Bolzano, Italy

Truong Truong, Professor of Economics, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

Gert Wagner, Head of the German Socio-Economic Panel Study (GSOEP) at DIW Berlin and Professor of Economics at Technische Universität Berlin, Member of the German Science Council and of Germany's Advisory Board for Statistics

Axel Werwatz, Professor of Economics, Technische Universität Berlin

Christian Wey, Head of the Department Information Society at DIW Berlin and Professor of Network and Information Economics, Technische Universität Berlin

Harald von Witzke, Professor of Agricultural Economics and Social Sciences, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

Professor Elmar Wolfstetter, Head of the Institute for Economic Theory, Humboldt Universität Berlin

## Graduate Center Advisory Board

Each year the Graduate Center's training activities will be evaluated by the Scientific Advisory Board of DIW Berlin. This Board consists of 12 internationally renowned scholars. Currently, Dan Hamermesh, Professor of Economics at the University of Texas at Austin is Chairman of the Advisory Board.

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## Graduate Center of Economic and Social Research





## About the Graduate Center

The DIW Berlin Graduate Center (GC) aims to provide outstanding young doctoral students from all over the world with a research environment and an institutional training structure that will develop their talents to the fullest.

The GC program allows students to attain an in-depth understanding of economic and social processes, and provides abundant opportunities to apply this knowledge in the professional research environment of one of Germany's leading economic think-tanks.

If you want to do work that has an impact on the economic world and the policy scene, this is the place to be.

The DIW Berlin Graduate Center follows a dual training approach comprised of:

- high-level core and field courses as well as internships in Berlin and Washington, D.C., and
- on-the-job training on research projects at DIW Berlin.

The location of the GC provides a unique vantage point for young researchers whose main focus is economic and social policy. DIW Berlin offers diverse opportunities for students to actively participate in policy research and consulting activity thus sharpening their proficiency listening to the public debate and opening up their scientific results for discussion with high-level policy-makers and experienced practitioners.

Graduates of the GC will be outstandingly qualified to analyze economic and social policy issues. They will possess:

- state-of-the-art methodological skills,
- thorough experience in handling empirical data,
- a detailed understanding of the economic and social structures of many countries, as well as the institutional structures of key international organizations, and
- the crucial ability to disseminate their research results.

## Training structure

The DIW Berlin Graduate Center offers a training program for both economists and social scientists.

a) *Doctoral students in economics* follow a three-year track.

### First year:

- During the winter term (September to March), students attend advanced-level courses in microeconomics, macroeconomics, econometrics and economic policy in Berlin and Washington, D.C. Two internships – one at a high-level political institution in Berlin and the other at an internationally renowned research institute in Washington, D.C. – allow students to develop an in-depth, practical understanding of what it means to work in applied economic research.
- During the summer term (April to July), students take one advanced course in either microeconomics or time

series analysis and two from the specialized fields offered at the GC. They also participate in a seminar on how to read, extract and synthesize the main results of scientific papers most effectively, and attend presentations by members of different DIW Berlin research departments on their current research projects. These activities will help students identify their own core research interests. In addition, students take a course on research project management, enabling them to develop the management proficiencies that are a precondition for a successful career at international research institutions today. In order to advance to the second year, students must pass all first-year examinations.

### Second year:

- Students are assigned a supervisor in the research field they have chosen and join one of the seven research departments of DIW Berlin. There, they participate in research projects, either on a regular basis or in the framework of an internship (see Tuition/Scholarships).
- In the winter and summer term, a bi-weekly seminar provides a forum for the presentation and discussion of initial research results. Each doctoral student is required to make a written and oral presentation.

### Third year:

- During the entire third year, students will devote themselves to completion of their doctoral

thesis while still working on research projects with the departments. Two bi-weekly seminars (one in the winter term and one in the summer term) will keep the doctoral students integrated into an interactive research network.

b) *Doctoral students conducting research with the goal of a PhD in sociology* follow a sociological curriculum offered in collaboration with the Freie Universität Berlin.

## Coaching

The doctoral program at DIW Berlin is a structured curriculum with strong emphasis on individual coaching. Young postgraduates will be integrated into an interactive research process with close contact to outstanding scholars and broad exposure to the policy field. As an independent research institute with extensive experience in policy consulting, DIW Berlin is in dialogue with numerous high-level policy-makers.

During the first term of the first year, students will become acquainted with the research areas and research projects currently underway in the different departments. They will have various opportunities to discuss potential research fields and topics for their dissertation.

After successfully completing the first year, each doctoral student will be assigned to a doctoral supervisor who will be the student's main contact and advisor. The supervisor and the personnel officer work together to develop a

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### Curriculum

1st year			
1st semester	advanced applied micro-economics	E	2+2 hours weekly
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	advanced econometrics	E	2+2 hours weekly
	economic policy	E	2+2 hours weekly
	research internships in Berlin and Washington, D.C.		2 months
admission decision to 2nd semester after successful completion of all courses			
2nd semester	microeconometrics or time series analysis	E	2+2 hours weekly
	field course	E	2+2 hours weekly
	field course	E	2+2 hours weekly
	research project management	E	2 hours weekly
admission to 2nd and 3rd year after successful completion of all courses assigning supervisors and placement as a researcher in departments			
2nd year	bi-weekly seminar during terms, paper presentation, work on policy reports and research projects, 1 weekly report, 1 discussion paper		
3rd year	bi-weekly seminar during terms, paper presentation, paper submissions to international congresses discussion papers, 1 weekly report, 1 discussion paper, work on policy reports and research projects, completion of PhD thesis		
(E = examination)			

customized training and research program for each student. Each student will be provided individual advice on his or her research career in the form of an individual career development plan focusing on both scientific objectives and personal development.

One of the major goals of the program is to promote the individual career advancement of the participants and to ensure their future employment prospects, both on the international scientific market and within their research area.

## Tuition/Scholarships

There are no tuition fees. For the first year, each doctoral student will receive a scholarship of 1 000 euros per month. After successfully completing the first year, each doctoral student will be assigned to a research department of DIW Berlin. Research positions are offered depending on the volume of research projects in progress. Doctoral students are also encouraged to seek funding from external sources. DIW Berlin offers advice and assistance in finding external scholarships.