

The Excellence Initiative of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg are to award 5 doctoral candidate scholarships starting January 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 in the following subject fields:

- (1) Empirical educational research
- (2) Language contact and language development in educational institutions
- (3) Multilingual communication
- (4) Multilingual urban spaces
- (5) Language contact, language variation and academic discourse

The scholarships are offered as an integral part of the federal Cluster of Excellence “Linguistic Diversity Management in Urban Areas”, a cooperative research endeavor of the Humanities and the department of Education at Hamburg University, the Harbour City University of Hamburg and the Hamburg Global Economy Institute. The Research Cluster aims to bring together existing top-level expertise in linguistic and educational aspects of multilingualism at the University of Hamburg and to combine and focus this expertise on the investigation of migration-induced multilingualism as found in urban centers worldwide. It will investigate whether and in what way migration-induced multilingualism can be translated into advantages for individuals and society and into benefits for the cultural and economic development of urban centers. The city of Hamburg will serve as a model for an international comparison of similar urban centers. The Cluster will implement extensive and interdisciplinary graduate training and establish an International Graduate School together with the University of Calgary.

Applicants must hold an above-average degree in a field appropriate to the respective research area(s). They will be expected to work and actively participate in a fast-paced and interdisciplinary environment with a particular focus on applied empirical research.

Scholarship candidates will receive a monthly stipend of € 1,150. In addition to the scholarship, a monthly allowance of € 100 is provided for material and travel expenses. The scholarship will be granted for a 1-year period with the option of a second year of funding following a favourable evaluation of the project.

Hamburg University is an Equal Opportunity, Equal Access, Affirmative Action Employer fully committed to a diverse workforce. Hamburg University strives to increase the proportion of women in research and teaching, and therefore encourages qualified female scientists to apply. There are special financial packages for applicants with children. Disabled or legally handicapped applicants will be shown preference if they have the same qualifications as non-disabled applicants.

Applications should be sent via e-mail to [monika-edith.schulz@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:monika-edith.schulz@uni-hamburg.de) by December 9<sup>th</sup> 2009. They should include a CV, a synopsis of the envisaged research project (3 pages max) as well as two professional references. For further information please contact [monika-edith.schulz@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:monika-edith.schulz@uni-hamburg.de).