



# RISIS

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German Centre for Higher Education Research  
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## Call for Participation

[The German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies \(DZHW\)](#) invites early career researchers, senior scientists, PhD students, officers from the policy making level (e.g. funding agencies) and members of other [RISIS](#) projects interested in doctoral education and academic careers to apply to the upcoming

## RISIS SUMMER SCHOOL ON HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH AND SCIENCE STUDIES

The theme of the Summer School is

### “Career Trajectories, Outputs and Success of Doctorate Holders”

September 25-29, 2017, Berlin, Humboldt-Universität

The International Summer School seeks to examine the dynamics of research careers and promote junior scientists active in that field (PhDs, Post-docs) by strengthening their understanding of linking theory, empirical research and available data and provide them with a platform for discussion as well as (inter)disciplinary exchange. The overall objective of the Summer School is to support the research into research careers with the main focus of linking theorization, methodology and practical application.

For the 2017 RISIS Summer School in Berlin, Germany, applicants with backgrounds in all relevant fields (sociology, economics, political science, education, public administration, management, psychology, etc.) are encouraged to apply.

Central questions are: What dynamics, trajectories and transitions characterize different types of careers of doctorate holders? What connection exists between outputs and outcomes of academic qualification processes and the general institutional set-up for the qualification and support of young researchers, respectively the conditions for knowledge production? How are processes of self-selection into careers shaped? How are selection processes at institutions exerted? What professional developments and perspectives characterize the current situation of doctorate holders? What role do institutional set-ups of qualification and support play for occupational success? What individual and institutional determinants and conditions influence career decision making and to what extent?

Further goals of the Summer School:

- Setting and discussing key hypothesis and topics in the study of research careers
- Presenting/getting to know/discussing participants' projects
- Further advancing the synthesis of data sets and data usage
- Generating ideas for future collaborations

Confirmed presenters of the Summer School to date include international researchers and experts in higher education with different professional backgrounds:

[Stefan Hornbostel](#) (Professor at Humboldt Universität, Department of Social Sciences, Science Studies and Director of Research Area 2 “Research System and Science Dynamics” at the German Centre for Higher Education and Science Studies, DZHW)

[Peter van den Besselaar](#) (Professor at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Department of Organization Sciences and the Network Institute.)

[Barbara Kehm](#) (Professor of Leadership and International Strategic Development in Higher Education at University of Glasgow, Robert Owen Centre for Educational Change)

[Henry Sauermann](#) (Professor at Georgia Tech).

[Jan-Christoph Rogge](#) (Research Fellow of the Research Group “Science Policy Studies” at Berlin Social Science Center, WZB)

[Christian Schneiderberg](#) (Head of the research unit “Innovation and Transfer” at the International Centre for Higher Education Research in Kassel, INCHER)

[Richard Woolley](#) (Senior Researcher at Instituto de gestión de la innovación y del conocimiento in Valencia, INGENIO [CSIC-UPV]).

[Carolina Cañibano Sanchez](#) (Senior Researcher at Instituto de gestión de la innovación y del conocimiento in Valencia, INGENIO [CSIC-UPV]).

[Eric Iversen](#) (Senior Researcher at Nordic Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education, NIFU)

The **format** of the Summer School includes keynotes and lectures, discussions of participants’ research projects, method lectures and hands on data sessions. A special data panorama session on Monday will provide insights into different data sources providing information on careers of doctorate holders. The full program will be published in April on the RISIS website (see below).

The working language of the summer school is English. Participants must have a strong command of spoken and written English.

**The Summer School is free of charge. The costs for travel and accommodation of participants will be only covered in case of researchers and PhDs coming from European countries (reimbursement after the Summer School).** It includes lodging for 5 nights, two meals daily (breakfast and lunch) and coffee breaks. Costs for the social dinner and the social events (excursions) are not included and have to be paid individually. No costs are covered for people not involved in research activities (i.e. people from intermediaries or policy level).

After notification of acceptance there will be a mandatory registration which will also ask to indicate the participation in the social dinner and offered social events.

The accommodation of accepted participants will be organized by the DZHW. In case participants wish to take care of it, they are free to do so. Their expenses will also be reimbursed after the Summer School. Please note that only economy flights are covered and the costs for accommodation should not exceed 100 Euro per night if possible, since there are restrictions on the overall budget.

**The deadline for applications is June 1, 2017.** To apply you will need to submit the following information to the local organizing committee (see below)

**Participants wishing to only attend** the Summer School must submit a CV including their current position and additional paper on their motivation and research interest to the local organizing committee (see below)

1. A personal statement outlining and explaining your motivation and interest in the Summer School (in English, 300-500 words)

**Participants wishing to also present** must submit a CV including their current position and an outline of their specific research project or paper to the local organizing committee (see below)

1. A summary of your current research project dealing with higher education including the objectives of the study, its theoretical/conceptual framework, methodology/design, and significance (in English, 500 words maximum). Please try to do your best while preparing this document as its quality will be one of the main selection criteria.
2. A personal statement outlining and explaining your interest in the Summer School (in English, 300-500 words).

The CV must be of recent date and give details about your education and work experience, publications, other professional activities.

The selection of Summer School participants and notification of acceptance will be made no later than June 30, 2017. Participants will be selected on the basis of research interest, motivation, resp. CV and proposal. **Applications of participants wishing to present are preferred.**

The Organizing Committee: Jakob Tesch (Researcher, DZHW) and Janine Lange (Researcher, DZHW)

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Further information: <http://risis.eu/event/summer-school-research-careers/>