



International Max Planck Research School for the Science of Human History

The International Max Planck Research School for the Science of Human History (IMPRS-SHH) was founded in 2018 as a PhD programme of the Max Planck Institute for Human History and Friedrich Schiller University. Supported by leading experts, young scientists will find ideal conditions for interdisciplinary research in Human History (including genetics, archaeology, linguistics, and cultural studies, social and behavioral studies) that combines natural and social science methods. Modern laboratories, field research or databases enable new approaches and insights.

The IMPRS-SHH is focused on interdisciplinarity and emphasises independent research carried out by the PhD students. Its training programme rests on a largely flexible, yet structured curriculum, which is based on three pillars of learning: the “Mentoring Programme”, the “Scientific Programme” and the “Transferable Skills Programme”.

The study programmes are certified on the basis of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS), meaning that all PhD students receive a certificate detailing their coursework and corresponding number of ECTS earned.

Scientific Keywords

Animal cognition, cognition, communication, DNA, domestic dogs, historical comparative reconstruction, isotope analysis, language evolution, palaeoenvironments, proteomics, quantitative linguistics, spatial modeling

Participating Faculties of FSU Jena

Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Chemistry and Earth Sciences, Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences

Cooperation partners

MPI Chemical Ecology, MPI Biogeochemistry, Hans Knöll Institute, Center for Molecular Biomedicine, Michael Stifel Center, MPI Evolutionary Anthropology (Leipzig), MPI Social Anthropology (Halle), Max Planck Harvard Research Center for the Archaeoscience of the Ancient Mediterranean (Harvard), FSU Jena

Preferred language: English

Current number of doctoral candidates: approx. 50

How can I become a doctoral candidate? What is the method of selection?

Applications for admission to the IMPRS for the Science of Human History can only be made in response to a call for applications or on recommendation. The selection process consists of online interviews and a selection symposium.

Are there fixed dates to apply?

There will be a call for applications in Autumn 2019. Check the IMPRS website for more details.

Are there possibilities to be funded in this programme?

The IMPRS provides paid contracts for doctoral candidates.

Interesting for graduates of the following subjects:

Anthropology, archaeology, bio computing, earth sciences, genetics, linguistics, psychology, zoology

Prospective degree

PhD / Dr. phil. / Dr. rer.nat.

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