Call for Advanced study group proposals

The Pufendorf IAS calls for submission of proposals to form an Advanced study group (ASG) 2017-2018.

How do you make a proposal for an Advanced study group?
A proposal for an Advanced study group must be received by the Institute before 24th of January 2017. The proposal is to include a multidisciplinary research area, a presentation of the group who want to work on the research issue and a plan for the intended structuring of the work.

Budget
In an application, the appended budget is to specify costs, for example relating to seminars and invited guest lecturers. The Institute contributes a maximum of SEK 100,000 to be used for costs relating to seminars, travel for external participants, guests etc.

Granted funds are stated as a cost ceiling and within this funds can be used for a total of two semesters from the start of the group’s work. Note that the Institute’s grant to Advanced study groups cannot cover salary costs. A maximum of 30 % of funds within the given cost ceiling may be used at one and the same time – such as for the closing symposium. For particularly high-cost seminar series and symposia, the Institute presupposes that other, external funds will be applied for. The costs for premises are not to be included in the budget. The Pufendorf IAS provides premises and basic equipment (meeting rooms, assembly rooms, IT services, etc.) The funds for an accepted budget are not the property of the group, they represent the maximum available expenditure for the ASG’s work. Upon conclusion of the ASG but by no later than the last day of the academic spring term 2018, access to budget funds will be terminated and any remaining sum returned to the institute to use for future activities.

What is meant by multidisciplinary?
Lund University has launched a number of highly successful cross-disciplinary and cross-faculty research initiatives in the 2000s. The Pufendorf IAS was created to provide free and open forms to explore the possibilities for cooperation between researchers in different disciplines and faculties.

An ASG is to include researchers from at least three faculties. The emphasis is placed on the creativity and diversity of the application. Moreover, attention will be paid to potential opportunities for further cooperation at the end of the project.

What is expected of researchers at the Pufendorf IAS?
The nature of the work at the Institute requires researchers to be present and to participate in the activities. The meetings and seminars of the group are to be held in the house.
The design of the proposal
The proposal is to be written in Swedish and English and include:

1. A description of the research issue and a strategy for how the work is to be carried out, max. 5 pages
2. Budget
3. Presentation of participating researchers, max. 1 page/participant

How is the decision made?
Decisions on Advanced study groups are made by the board of the Pufendorf IAS. The decision will be announced late March, early April.

How many groups will be accepted?
In this call for proposals, the Pufendorf IAS has the possibility of preparing places for three new Advanced study groups.

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