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Call for ASG proposals for 2018

The Pufendorf IAS invites researchers to apply for an ASG to start in the autumn of 2018.

How to make a proposal for an Advanced Study Group for 2018-2019?

A proposal for an Advanced Study Group must be received by the Institute no later than the 15th of January 2018. The proposal shall describe a topical transdisciplinary research issue, a group of researchers who want to develop a research project based on the issue and a plan for how the work is to be structured.

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 and overhead costs are not to be included in the budget. The Pufendorf IAS provides premises and basic equipment (meeting rooms, assembly rooms, IT services, etc.). Once the proposal is accepted overhead costs will be calculated and added as a complement to the funding. The funds for an accepted budget are not the property of the group, they represent the maximum available expenditure for the theme work. Upon conclusion of the ASG but by no later than the last day of the academic spring term 2019, access to budget funds will be terminated and any remaining sum returned to the institute to use for future activities.

The mission of the Pufendorf IAS is to create and function as a transdisciplinary meeting point and to stimulate the collaboration between researchers from different disciplines at Lund University. Therefore the use of theme funds for travel for conferences or field work is, as a rule, not allowed. Groups are encouraged to seek external funding for such initiatives within the framework of the theme.

What do we mean by transdisciplinary?

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 forums to explore the possibilities for cooperation between researchers in different disciplines and faculties.

An ASG must include researchers from at least three faculties. The ASG should deal with topical issues benefitting from a transdisciplinary approach. How to define transdisciplinarity is dependent on the *purpose* of the inquiry. Emphasis is placed on the creativity and diversity of the application. Further emphasis is placed on potential 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 of the theme. The meetings and seminars of the group are to be held in the house. Researchers and groups are to provide each other and the management of the Institute with information about their activities and to share interdisciplinary experiences.

Researchers should make it possible for doctoral and other students, with expertise of relevance to the topic, to contribute in different ways, to ASG work as part of their studies.

A report describing the ASG's activities shall be submitted to the Institute within one month of the conclusion of the ASG. The report should relate to the application and include activities and events as well as invited guests and plans for the future.

The design of the proposal

The proposal may be written in either Swedish or English and must reach the Pufendorf IAS no later than the 15th of January 2018. It is to include:

1. A description of the research issue and a strategy for how the work is to be carried out, one single document no more than 5 pages
2. A budget
3. CV briefs of all participating researchers, in one single document no more than 1 page/participant

How is the decision made?

The Pufendorf Institute board decides on ASGs. The time for processing applications is approximately 2 months, which means that a decision will be available in March 2018. For more information, please contact:

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