



How to apply to Grad School

in Social Science

A digital Autumn School for aspiring researchers

from non-academic families

For many, applying to graduate school is the start of an international career in academia. However, writing a convincing application is an art that must be learned. This is exactly what the SCRIPTS Digital Autumn School (DAS) aims to support you with. It will prepare you for any Social Sciences Grad School. You will have the opportunity to work on your own exposé and receive feedback from a coach. Additionally, you will get an introduction to the German Academic System. Check out the full program on the next page.

WHO CAN APPLY

- You finished or are about to finish your Master's degree
- You are the first in your family to do so
- Your academic background is either in Social Sciences, Humanities, Law, Area Studies, or Economics

HOW TO APPLY

- Cover letter indicating your motivation for pursuing a PhD and your current topic of interest [1 Page](#)
- Short academic CV [1 Page](#)
- Email your documents to BIRT@scripts-berlin.eu with *Application DAS* in the subject line
- Deadline for application:
October 6, 2025 (2 p.m., Berlin time)



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Contestations of the Liberal Script

ABOUT US

The Cluster of Excellence “Contestations of the Liberal Script (SCRIPTS)” is a research consortium that analyses why the liberal model of order has fallen into crisis despite its political, economic, and social achievements. Funded by the German Research Foundation since 2019, SCRIPTS is based at the Freie Universität Berlin and unites eight Berlin-based research institutes.

The Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies (BGTS) is the unit within SCRIPTS providing junior researchers with an enriching environment to pursue their doctoral studies. To learn more about the BGTS, please visit our website: www.scripts-berlin.eu/birt/bgts/index.html