

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – 2017/2018

PhD and Post-Doc Scholarships

The Annemarie Schimmel Kolleg “History and Society during the Mamluk Era (1250-1517)” (<https://www.mamluk.uni-bonn.de/>) has opened the call for applications for **three** PhD scholarships and **three** junior fellowships (Post-Doc scholars) with a prospective start date of **October 2017**.

The Kolleg is a center for advanced studies funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) that is dedicated to the study of the Mamluk Sultanate of Egypt and Syria, 1250-1517. For the coming year, AKS will broaden its focus both chronologically and geographically. Chronologically it will expand to include the wider Middle Islamic Period from the Ayyubids to the early Ottomans. Geographically it will include both the neighbors of the Mamluk Sultanate as well as those regimes with close relations to the Mamluks.

You can apply for a project for a period of six to twelve months. Included is a working space in fully equipped offices.

The grant for PhD-students consists of:

- a monthly stipend of Euro 1200,-
- travel allowance
- basic accommodation

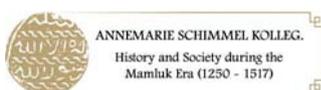
The fellowship for Post-Doc graduates consists of:

- a monthly stipend of Euro 2300,-
- travel allowance
- basic accommodation

Scholarship and fellowship recipients are expected to participate actively in the Kolleg’s overall research scopes and embrace its inter- and multidisciplinary environment. Regular attendance at the Kolleg is required, including attending the two research meetings and one informal gathering per week. Residency in Bonn or the nearby region is implied. The Kolleg is primarily an English-language institution. Therefore fellowship applicants should have a high level of proficiency in spoken and written English. We encourage all applicants with projects addressing our programming theme of the coming year (see below) to apply, but will generally consider all other Mamluk-related topics as well.

Programming theme for 2017/2018

The programming theme for the coming year is the study of im/mobility. Ayyubid/Mamluk/Ottoman Egypt and Syria are considered here not as a geographically clear-cut area but rather as a multiply interconnected space. This space is formed and re-formed by human acts and interaction crossing and transcending spatial, social and cultural boundaries. Mobility of every kind is characteristic for this space of (inter)action: the physical movements of individuals and groups, i.e. social mobility along horizontal and vertical lines; mobility between social positions and within hierarchies; but also intellectual mobility expressed in the ‘movement’ and transfer of ideas and images. Crucial topics for this year are migration and slavery, which can be derived directly from the overall context of mobility.



Application procedure for PhD-Candidates and Post-Docs

Applications should contain:

- A 1-2-page statement outlining the candidate's current and longer term academic interest and a project description in English
- A concise Curriculum Vitae with a list of principal publications
- Two letters of recommendation
- A graduate-level transcript

All files, including letters of recommendation, should be sent in PDF format to Dr. Abdelkader Al Ghouz (aalghouz@uni-bonn.de).

The **deadline** for application is **May 15th 2017**

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Successful candidates will be informed by **June 15th 2017**.