



10 Scholarships for PhD Candidates in Peace and Conflict Resolution: A Call for Applications

Apply by 31st October 2023, to join the *European Wasatia Graduate School for Peace and Conflict Resolution* at Europa-Universität Flensburg, Germany, from 1st January 2024 (enrollment possible till 1st March 2024). The *European Wasatia Graduate School* is seeking excellent candidates from Israel, Palestine, Germany and other countries. It offers scholarships for successful applicants for up to 36 months in order to conduct doctoral studies in the field of political reconciliation and conflict resolution and to engage in mutual learning with other PhD-candidates on campus in a challenging environment in the north of Germany.

The interdisciplinary *European Wasatia Graduate School* is key for young scholars researching on the topic of reconciliation and conflict resolution with a focus on the Middle East. The aim is to foster and educate the best talent in the field. The Graduate School is operated in cooperation with the Maecenata Foundation's MENA Study Centre in Berlin.

Are you interested? Learn more about the school at: <https://www.uni-flensburg.de/en/trilateral-graduate-school/>

Truth, law and reconciliation

The academic core of the trilateral project is an interdisciplinary, transnational, and multi-religious doctoral program. It identifies truth and justice as conditions for peace and conflict resolution. Given that legal, political, and religious dimensions of reconciliation necessarily include moral components, such as, the acknowledgment of suffering, the development of interreligious tolerance, and the analysis of entrenched narratives, the *European Wasatia Graduate School* is conceived as a forum for interdisciplinary scholarship conducted within the framework of an international network that regards reconciliation as an essential component in social conflict resolution strategies.

As an academic project, however, it extends into the political and social sphere. The university framework is meant to serve as a catalyst for a societal process aimed at achieving conflict resolution and political reconciliation. One of its central aims is to train competent "knowledge ambassadors" who, in their role as mediators, build a bridge between the theoretical reflection on conflict resolution strategies and their real-world implementation.

Goals of the Graduate school

1. To enable the doctoral students to pursue an advanced university degree in an academic discipline, while simultaneously gaining sensitivity to cultural, ethnic, as well as interreligious challenges (**anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and related subjects**).

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2. To develop strategies to enhance leadership potential, problem-solving skills, critical thinking, analytical and communication skills, the development of professional knowledge and expertise (peace and conflict studies, reconciliation, dialogue skills).
3. To allow a conducive environment to build bridges of understanding between different religions through interreligious dialogue and practices (**scriptural reasoning**).
4. To enable the doctoral students to prepare educational institutions and experts of influence in this important field as an essential item on the agenda for education, in order to pave the way for a peaceful world with a particular focus on the Middle East.
5. To address the urgent need to build a diplomatic corps of peacemakers, to improve public understanding and receptivity to facilitation and peace initiatives.

The 3-year-program will offer excursions inside and outside Germany, including educational trips to Auschwitz (Poland), Tirana (Albania), Belfast (Northern Ireland), and Cambridge (UK); it will provide seminars conducted by prominent professors from all over the world to lecture on various case studies and conflict zones every semester.

How to apply

Interested candidates should apply via email to the Graduate School's Executive Director Dr. Zaineh Barakat (she) at zaineh.barakat@uni-flensburg.de by **31st October 2023**.

Applications should include the following:

1. **Your current CV** (not more than 5 pages) that details your educational background, work experience, full citations of any publications you may have, any research presentations you have given, and any awards you have received.
2. **Motivational Letter** (1-2 pages) in which you (a) explain your motivation (why you want to do a PhD within our Graduate School) and (b) outline how your research interests will contribute to the goals of the school and its focus on the Middle East.
3. **PhD proposal** (up to 10 pages) in connection with the goals of the Graduate School, designed according to international standards (including a provisional title, state of research in the field, ideas on methodology, literature overview and so forth)
4. **Master thesis** (as PDF) and indication of grade given (*cum laude* or else)
5. **Transcripts** of university studies (BA, MA), provided in English or German translation.
6. **Reference** of one or two referees who have agreed to submit a reference for this purpose only (no general references).

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