

Topology of Technology

Announcing 10 doctoral fellowships

The interdisciplinary post-graduate program "Topology of Technology" at The Darmstadt University of Technology, Germany, announces 10 doctoral fellowships, starting Nov. 1, 2009, and running for 2 years (with an possible option of a third year).

The program is organized by teachers from the subjects of history, sociology, philosophy, literature and language, mechanical engineering, informatics, and civil/construction engineering. It focuses on the relationship between technology and space—at present, in history, and in a possible future. It has five thematic foci:

- Information Technology and the Topology of the Network Society
- Technological Spaces of the Body and the Perception of Space
- The Circulation of Materials – Mobility – Tourism
- Topologies of Technology and Forms of Representation
- Fields of Power and the Role of Technology

The program is primarily financed by the German Research Council (DFG); see www.dfg.de.

Monthly stipends range between 1,000 and 1,365 euros.

All applicants need to have a Master degree or the equivalent thereof. Since course work and seminars are carried out in both German and English, it is expected that applicants are willing to learn to read and understand spoken German. Fellows are expected to work together in our beautifully situated villa downtown Darmstadt and thus need to take up their residence in the city or the vicinity.

Applications are only accepted in electronic form. They should include

- (1) a CV,
 - (2) copies of academic diplomas,
 - (3) a short description (max. 5 pages) of the planned doctoral dissertation,
- and (4) the names and addresses of two university professors who are willing to act as reference persons.

Please send your application no later than **9 August 2009** to topologie@ifs.tu-darmstadt.de. Please make sure that it includes a personally formulated explanation why you are particularly interested in the topic of the program and to which thematic focus your research will, in the first instance, contribute. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact one of the directors:

Petra Gehring (gehring@phil.tu-darmstadt.de)
or Mikael Hård (hard@ifs.tu-darmstadt.de).

More information about the research and teaching program of the post-graduate college/graduate school may be found under <http://www.ifs.tu-darmstadt.de/index.php?id=1921&L=2>