

Application Guidelines for GSZ PhD Workshop Programme 2026

What is this?

The GSZ PhD Workshop Programme invites teams of at least two PhD candidates to organize a two-day workshop with 1-2 international scholars in the field of Urban Studies. The workshop aims to support the applicants in deepening their knowledge in a specific urban research area or theoretical perspective, as well as in networking with peers.

The workshop should take place in the winter semester 2026 and **no later than November 20, 2026**. Ideally, at least one of the invited guests should give a lecture at our Think & Drink Colloquium during their stay in Berlin.

Who can apply?

Teams of doctoral students who fulfil the following two conditions are eligible to apply:

1. You are enrolled as doctoral students at a university in Berlin
2. Your proposed workshop topic overlaps with the conceptual foci of the GSZ

What is the amount of the Workshop funding?

The Workshop will be funded with 2.500 € max. to cover travel and accommodation costs for the invited guests and, in exceptional cases, of the participants, as well as catering during the workshop.

Which documents must be included in the application?

1. A letter of motivation (max. 3 pages), including
 - a description of the proposed workshop topic, emphasizing its relevance and timeliness
 - names of international scholars to be invited, including alternatives if invitations are declined
 - an explanation of how the proposed project fits into the center's specific conceptual foci
2. Description of how the call for abstracts will be disseminated, to encourage the participation of other PhD candidates
3. A one page CV of the team members and proof of the current PhD enrolment

Where do I have to submit my application?

Your application must be submitted electronically in either German or English. All application documents must be saved **in one PDF document**. The PDF must be sent to the GSZ coordinator: henrik.schultze@hu-berlin.de

We will confirm the reception of your application documents. The application deadline is **April 30, 2026**.

Selection Procedure

A selection committee composed of postdocs who are members of the GSZ will review the applications and grant the funding. Applicants' supervisors will not be part of the selection committee.