



The **LEAD Graduate School** (www.lead.uni-tuebingen.de) for **Learning, Educational Achievement and Life Course Development**, funded by the Excellence Initiative of the German Federal and State governments, invites applications for

Up to six 3-year doctoral positions as of October 2016.

Education and its outcomes being essential to the welfare of a society and its members, the goal of LEAD is to contribute relevant findings to several key questions in evidence-based education. As an integrated research and training program, LEAD aims at excellent research and academic careers for young scientists at the intersection between Empirical Educational Research and the neighboring disciplines of (1) Cognitive, Social, and Motivational Psychology, (2) Neuroscience and Informatics, (3) Clinical and Personality Psychology, (4) Language and Linguistics, and (5) Sociology and Economics.

Requirements

Successfully or nearly finished MA or MSc or equivalent degree graduates in Empirical Educational Research or one of the above-mentioned neighboring fields with excellent grades and a strong interest in conducting research from an interdisciplinary perspective are encouraged to apply. In addition,

- Candidates' prospective PhD research should be relevant to the LEAD Graduate School, i.e., relating to LEAD's research questions and one of the LEAD intersections. We accept applications from all relevant fields and regarding all topics related to LEAD; however, we especially encourage applications regarding the topics listed on our website:
www.lead.uni-tuebingen.de/job-opportunities
- Candidates should be prepared to contribute to the mission of excellence of the LEAD Graduate School.

Gains

LEAD PhD candidates benefit from unique opportunities:

- A prestigious, internationally focused and interdisciplinary PhD program within the German Excellence Initiative;
- Regular thesis discussions with peers and supervisory teams, plus retreats, lectures, and workshops with renowned international guest researchers;
- Funds for the support of thesis-related research and training;
- Tailor-made training and research support from the LEADing Research Center, including lab rotations;
- LEAD support systems for families, equal opportunity, and diversity.

Applications

Applications should include a completed [application cover sheet](#), a CV, degree and other certificates with transcripts showing a recent graduation or one in the nearest future, two letters of recommendation, a statement of research interest and experience, plus a motivation letter describing your interest in obtaining a PhD within LEAD. For more information, please go to www.lead.uni-tuebingen.de.

Please send all documents in **one single pdf attachment** via email to LEAD Graduate School at lead@uni-tuebingen.de by May 29, 2016. Applications beyond this date are welcome and will be taken into account as further positions become available. Interviews will take place on June 15, 16 and 17, 2016.

The University of Tübingen is an equal opportunity employer regarding professional opportunities for women and men. Equally qualified candidates with physical challenges will be given preference. Employment will be conducted by the central university administration.