

Freie Universität Berlin – School of Business & Economics
Doctoral Program „Research on Organizational Paths“

The program is directed toward graduates in business studies, as well as other social sciences with an interest in organizational processes. Its goal is to educate particularly qualified and motivated graduates with either Diplom, Magister, or Master's degrees, or a comparable degree from a foreign university, in a theory- and method-oriented doctoral study program. The program, sponsored by the German Research Foundation (DFG), began on April 1, 2005. For a second cohort, that will start on **April 1, 2008**, the DFG will grant for a maximum length of three years

15 Doctoral scholarships.

The subject matter of the program is research on the processes of path dependence, path breaking and path creation in and between organizations, based on the **Theory of Path Dependency**. “Reform gridlock” and inertia, but also the implementation of innovations under the use of technical standards will be examined as the results of path dependencies and the emerging lock-ins. The aim, however, should not be limited to the discovery and explanation of organizational path dependencies, but the possibilities of a breaking or intentionally creating paths will also be investigated.

Further information as well as the designated application form are available under www.pfadkolleg.de, or can be requested under the address Freie Universität Berlin, School of Business & Economics, Doctoral Program “Research on Organizational Paths”, Garystr. 21, 14195 Berlin. The responsible spokesman is Prof. Dr. Georg Schreyoegg.

Those interested who have completed their degree with distinction and who are no older than 28 years old, please direct your application by e-mail by **December 1, 2007** with the completed application form, a detailed statement of interest in the doctoral program, and the draft of a possible research project (altogether maximum 1000 words), as well as the usual documents, to the following address: E-Mail: pfadkolleg@wiwiss.fu-berlin.de. Good knowledge of the German language is required since most courses will be taught in German.

The applicant must, without exception, include the following documents:

- Completed application questionnaire (available only in German), (Download under http://sites.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/pfadkolleg/download/Bewerbungsbogen_2008.doc)
- Degree certificate or provisional (official) proof of final study performance (grade summary)
- Detailed statement of interest in the doctoral program
- Draft of a possible research project

All documents are to be submitted **exclusively** in electronic form under the following address: pfadkolleg@wiwiss.fu-berlin.de