

The **Heidelberg Center for American Studies (HCA)** at Heidelberg University, Germany, invites applications for

**10 Three-Year Positions (TV-L E 13, 65%)  
(October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2020)**

in a

**Research Training Group (DFG-Graduiertenkolleg)**

on

**Authority and Trust in American Culture, Society, History, and Politics**

Funded by the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft), the interdisciplinary Training Group will focus on three broadly defined research areas: (1) the authority of the modern state and trust in public and social institutions; (2) the urban dimension of authority and trust; (3) authority and trust in literature, culture and religion.

We target postgraduates with a background in the following disciplines: American Studies, geography, history, linguistics, literature and culture, political science, social science, and religious studies.

Applicants must be fluent in English; hold an excellent master's degree or equivalent; and propose an innovative dissertation project within the thematic focus of the Training Group.

Collegiates must take residence in Heidelberg and enroll as doctoral students at Heidelberg University.

The *Graduiertenkolleg* Authority and Trust (GKAT) offers a stimulating interdisciplinary and international environment at Germany's oldest university. Collegiates will find collaborative networks of European and North American scholars, individualized mentoring, and participate in a qualification program tailored to academic as well as professional career paths.

Gross annual salaries—predicated on the German public sector remuneration system (TV-L)—will start at € 28,600 plus benefits (health, nursing care, pensions, and unemployment).

**Application deadline: March 15, 2017.** Qualified applicants with an interesting profile will be invited to a job market in Heidelberg in late April 2017. For more information on the application process, as well as detailed descriptions of the research design, curriculum, and qualification program, please go to: [hca.uni-heidelberg.de/gkat](http://hca.uni-heidelberg.de/gkat).

Heidelberg University seeks to increase the number of women in positions in which they are underrepresented. In the event that the selection committee must choose between several equally qualified candidates, preference will be given to persons with disabilities. Heidelberg University is also dedicated to assist young scholars with families.