



## SOCIAL PROCESSES AND MENTAL HEALTH

### CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS

DATE: APRIL 18 TO 26, 2017

VENUE: INTERNATIONALES WISSENSCHAFTSFORUM HEIDELBERG (IWH)

Twenty outstanding doctoral students from selected universities in Europe and Latin America will be invited to participate in the Santander International Summer School „SOCIAL PROCESSES AND MENTAL HEALTH. The speakers are scientists from Universität Heidelberg as well as renowned experts from other European and North & Latin American universities.

Social processes are intensely studied in health and different types of mental disorders. Using different methodological approaches (such as self-report, behavior observation, everyday-life measures/ ecological momentary assessment, genetic or epigenetic measures, assessment and challenge of neurobiological mediators) research targets the following questions:

1. By which mechanisms do social relationships influence individual health?
2. How does individual health affect social processes?

The aim of the Summer School is to enable doctoral students both to further develop high-level expertise in their specific area of research and to gain an insight into complementary areas. The curriculum will provide lectures on the relevance of social processes for mental health and the impact of such processes on the development of and recovery from mental illness. In addition, workshops will be conducted to teach relevant research methods. Doctoral students will have the opportunity to present their own research and will receive feedback from other students and experts. Finally, the group is planned to work on a joint publication outcome.

The scientific coordinators are Prof. Dr. Beate Ditzen, PD Dr. Stephanie Bauer, Prof. Dr. Sabine Herpertz (all from Heidelberg), and Prof. Dr. Mariane Krause (Santiago de Chile).

Invited speakers will include among others Prof. Dr. Julianne Holt-Lunstad (USA), Prof. Dr. Ross Crosby (USA), Prof. Dr. Andreas Olsson (Sweden), Prof. Dr. Marcela Pena, Prof. Dr. Diego Cosmelli, Prof. Dr. Graciela Rojas (all from Chile), as well as Prof. Dr. Sabina Pauen and Prof. Dr. Sven Barnow (both from Heidelberg).

Reasonable travel expenses (economy airfares etc.) will be reimbursed to the doctoral students upon submission of receipts. Accommodation will be provided free of charge. No participation fee will be charged. All doctoral students are expected to present their research projects in short talks and poster presentations.

Self-nominations are invited. Also, doctoral supervisors can nominate their students for the Summer School by email to [Summerschool.2017@med.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:Summerschool.2017@med.uni-heidelberg.de) by **January 31, 2017**.

Nominations should include the following documents:

- completed application form
- a letter of recommendation by the doctoral supervisor
- curriculum vitae of the PhD student
- motivation letter of the PhD student
- short description of the doctoral project (max. 1 page)

Participants will be selected by a scientific committee.

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