



### **Call for Papers: Doctorate in Adult Education, 2018 - 2021**

The United Evangelical Mission (UEM) in cooperation with Bielefeld University, Germany, invites applications for a doctoral program "Learning in international networks".

There shall be three doctorates, written in the Department for International Adult Education of the University Bielefeld, Germany. There are three open positions for doctorates. The three doctoral students shall form an internationally composed group, which will be organized and supervised by Bielefeld University in cooperation with international partner universities.

#### **Criteria for Admission**

Applicants should possess:

- A good Master degree in any relevant field
- An excellent command of English in oral and written form, including scientific English
- International, intercultural experience and competence
- Working experience in education
- Excellent self-organization skills

Applicants should submit:

- A letter describing the motivation for the doctorate
- A full CV with academic documents enclosed
- An statement of endorsement of eth application by the sending church
- An exposé of approx. 10 pages (A4) describing the proposed theme of the doctoral thesis and the intended research- design as well as the organizational plan for the production of the thesis.

**The deadline for applications is July 15, 2018**

**Applications should be sent electronically (all papers in one document only!) to [weber-k@vemission.org](mailto:weber-k@vemission.org)**

#### **Organizational Frame**

The group of doctoral students – coming from each UEM region - shall be writing individual doctoral theses, but shall be linked as an international group throughout the program. They shall write mostly in their own countries, being connected to Bielefeld University, but having a local co-supervisor as well. Supervision and accompaniment will be largely given electronically (Skype etc.) and through the local co-supervisor.

There shall be regular meetings and study phases together, approximately twice a year.

#### **Thematic frame**

Churches are providers of learning and education. Through their international relationships in mission and ecumenism, they work in international networks of learning. Thus, they have

produced many different forms of formal, informal and non-formal global learning. In the international communion of churches UEM, such learning has taken place from the very beginning of the mission in the 19th century until today.

This long experience of global learning can be meaningful for the current internationalization trends in education. It is therefore necessary to reflect how global learning in UEM and in its member churches was and is determined, in which ways it happens and has happened, and which conditions have shaped it. For that, different approaches of research can be pursued:

- on learning in specific contexts
- on international learning communities
- on global learning on a faith base
- comparative studies on learning
- historical studies

This is the scope for the three doctorates. They should be completed until 2021, so that their results can be presented at the commemoration events of 25 years of internationalization of UEM.

### **Funding**

UEM is ready to provide one full scholarship and is ready to assist in the acquisition of two more scholarships. An own-means contribution by the sending church is required.

### **Planned Schedule**

November 2018:	Section I in Bielefeld/Germany, 4 weeks
December 2018 – June 2019:	Research at home
June 2019:	Section II in Africa or Asia, 4 weeks
July-November 2019:	Research and thesis-writing at home
November 2019:	Section III in Africa or Asia, 4 weeks
December 2019 - November 2020:	Research and thesis-writing at home
October 2020:	Section IV in Germany, 4 weeks, final work on thesis
November 2020:	Submission of thesis
Mid- December 2020	Defense of thesis, rigorosum