

**Three doctoral positions at the Akademie für Raumforschung und Landesplanung  
(German Academy for Spatial Research and Planning, ARL)  
as part of the TRUST/ARL Doctoral Program**

The Akademie für Raumforschung und Landesplanung (German Academy for Spatial Research and Planning, ARL) is offering

**three academic research positions**

for doctoral studies (Salary Scale 13 TV-L, 50% of a regular working week), planned to extend from 1 July 2019 through 30 June 2022, with the possibility to apply for an extension of up to 12 months. The positions are part of the interdisciplinary doctoral program “Transformationsprozesse in Stadt und Land” (“Urban and rural transformation processes”), a joint initiative of the ARL and “TRUST Räumliche Transformation – Zukunft für Stadt und Land“, which is a Leibniz University Hannover (LUH) research center. The working location will be the ARL offices in Hannover, Germany.

The ARL is an independent research institute for spatial research and planning and is a member of the Leibniz Association. The ARL serves as a forum and competence center for sustainable spatial development, focusing on economic, social, ecological, and cultural factors and their interactions with each other. The Academy’s work is both interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary at the intersection of research and practical application.

The doctoral program was created in 2015 by TRUST and ARL as a means of supporting doctoral students in the field of spatial transformation to produce excellent results across department boundaries.

Thematic description

The TRUST/ARL Doctoral Program focuses on processes of urban and rural transformation. This encompasses a broad spectrum of potential aspects in the transformation of spatial structure as viewed from scientific and ecological perspectives as well as those of engineering and social research. Candidates will need to apply their own research to the relevant theoretical discourse and refer to pertinent approaches to spatial planning. References to the ARL’s main areas of research are encouraged ([www.arl-net.de](http://www.arl-net.de)).

Please direct your questions on the possible suitability of doctoral projects to Dr. Ina Peters ([peters@arl-net.de](mailto:peters@arl-net.de), Phone +49 (0)511/34842-61).

Further information (in German) on the TRUST/ARL Doctoral Program can be found at [www.arl-net.de/de/content/trust-arl-promotionskolleg](http://www.arl-net.de/de/content/trust-arl-promotionskolleg) and [www.trust.uni-hannover.de](http://www.trust.uni-hannover.de).

### Requirements

- Above-average degree in a subject relevant to the program (geography, environmental planning, landscape planning and management, spatial and urban planning, sociology, history, political science, economics, law, etc.)
- a doctoral project relevant to the program, generally supervised by a professor involved in the TRUST research center
- contribution to the doctoral program and the three-year curriculum (two academic events, two intensive courses, and two colloquia each year as well as monthly meetings among doctoral students) as well as involvement in collective work on the overarching topic
- contribution to the activities of the ARL (e.g. work on committees and thematically relevant projects, involvement in events, etc.)
- regular presence at the ARL offices
- proficiency in English at the B2 level
- proof of proficiency in German at the B1 level (for non-native speakers)

Please submit your written application along with the relevant documents, including:

- **a statement of motivation**, attesting to your personal suitability for the research and training program, and your ideas on how you could contribute to the program
- **your CV** with a detailed description of your academic career along with **two referees** who can provide information, upon request, concerning your academic and methodological ability and potential
- **an exposé** of up to 10 pages describing your doctoral project, including a **working plan** in German or English. Please name a possible supervisor (generally a professor at the TRUST research center; a letter of recommendation by the supervisor is required for candidates invited to an interview).
- proof of your academic degree and other relevant **documents** (copies)

These documents should be sent by **15 November 2018** by regular mail (with the subject line “TRUST-/ARL-Promotionskolleg”) to

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The documents can also be sent by e-mail (as a single PDF file) to [Moghaddesi@arl-net.de](mailto:Moghaddesi@arl-net.de).

The ARL is committed to equal opportunities for women and men. Applications from women are particularly welcomed. Disabled applicants with equal qualifications will be given particular consideration. Interviews are scheduled for January 2019.

We look forward to receiving your application!