



## Professional Opportunities in U.S. American Academia

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- Instructors: **Dr. Ben Rayder**, BAGSS Alumnus, Director, National Fellowships and Major Awards (University of Houston)
- Time: Wednesday & Thursday, December 5-6, 2018: 11.00 – 16.00 s.t.
- Place: Feldkirchenstr. 21, FG1/00.06
- Registration: Please send your materials and suggestions to [courses.bagss@uni-bamberg.de](mailto:courses.bagss@uni-bamberg.de) by **November 26**.

### Description

During this two-day workshop, Dr. Rayder will share his expertise on professional opportunities in academia for academics seeking potential careers in the United States. The training event will be particularly useful to:

- PhD fellows in the beginning of their careers who are thinking of doing research stays abroad
- PhD fellows who are nearing the end of their doctoral work and wish to look for future employment in the United States
- Postdoctoral fellows who are looking to conduct a research project in a U.S. American institution

Spanning two days, students will first be exposed to the differences between faculty and staff, as well as recent trends in American academia. The workshop will then discuss the typical path that leads to a job as a faculty member or postdoc. On the second day, the workshop will take a deeper dive into applying for academic positions. It will review typical application components and strategies for identifying openings. The final part of the workshop will be devoted to seeking funding for research project in the U.S.

The workshop aims to help participants to actively acquire the knowledge and skills to write job applications which will prove competitive on the U.S. American market. Therefore, we would encourage interested participants **submit samples of their job applications (proposals, motivation letters, etc.) which they would like to improve and receive advice on**. We also welcome suggestions on specific topics that should be discussed and practiced in the workshop.