Graduiertenkolleg

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Graduate School on

Trustworthy
Software Systems

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The University of Oldenburg, Germany, offers from April 1st, 2005

14 PhD Scholarships

to applicants with an excellent graduate degree in Computer Science, Law, or closely related disciplines.

Software increasingly influences our daily life, as we depend on a raising number of technical systems controlled by software. Additionally, the ubiquity of Internet-based applications increases our dependency on the availability of those software systems. This increased dependency on software systems intensifies the consequences of software failures. Therefore, the successful deployment of software systems depends on the extent we can trust these systems. The relevance of trust is gaining awareness in industry. Several software vendor consortia plan to develop so-called "Trusted Computing" platforms. The current initiatives primarily focus on security, while trust is a much broader concept. In fact, trust is given by several properties, such as safety, correctness, reliability, availability, privacy, performance, and certification.

The graduate school will contribute to this comprehensive view on trusted software systems by bundling the Oldenburg computing science competences with those of computer law.

PhD scholarships will be provided at € 1,360.- per month plus € 103.- for non-personal costs. This is the net income; no taxes are raised on these scholarships. Surcharges are allotted based on marital status and number of children. Scholarships will be granted for up to three years.

The program is financed by the German Research Foundation (DFG) and supported by industrial corporations. For more information on entrance requirements and admission procedure please contact the chair of the graduate school (address below) and refer to http://trustsoft.uni-oldenburg.de

Applications should be submitted to the chair of the Graduate School by January 10th, 2005 (preferably earlier). Both, hardcopy and electronic submissions are expected. PDF-Files should be sent to application@trustsoft.uni-oldenburg.de. One hardcopy should be sent to the chair of the graduate school:

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