



Membership Application Guidelines for doctoral researchers not funded through CLICCS II

General information

The School of Integrated Climate and Earth System Sciences (SICSS) is the doctoral program of CLICCS II – The Cluster of Excellence on Climate, Climatic Change, and Society at the University of Hamburg. SICSS connects doctoral researchers from climate system sciences and related disciplines and provides a structured, integrated, and international doctoral program.

SICSS membership is open to doctoral researchers whose projects show a thematic link to the research focus of CLICCS II, **regardless of whether they are funded through the Cluster or through other sources**. Eligible projects should:

- Address the overarching CLICCS II guiding question:
“Which climate futures are plausible, and how can desired climate futures be achieved?”
- Show a clear thematic connection to the goals and research priorities of CLICCS II, ideally aligning with one or more specific research objectives within the four Research Themes “Social Dynamics”, “Mitigation”, “Natural Dynamics” and/or “Adaptation”.

To learn more about the research priorities and current projects of CLICCS II, please visit the [CLICCS II](#) website.

The application for SICSS membership must be submitted **no later than six months after the start of the doctoral project**. The start date is considered to be the date on your admission letter at your institution/faculty.

Application Procedure

Step 1 - Membership Application Template

Please fill out the [Membership Application Template](#) for doctoral researchers not funded through CLICCS II for evaluation by the SICSS Board, including:

A. Motivation Letter (approx. one to two pages)

Please note: the motivation letter must be **endorsed by your supervisor**, who should add a brief statement directly confirming the thematic connection. The endorsement should explicitly confirm which CLICCS II research theme(s) the doctoral project contributes to.

B. Information on the doctoral project

Submission deadline: All Step-1 documents must be submitted to the SICSS Office **at least three weeks before the next SICSS Board meeting** (dates available on the [website](#)).



Step 2 – Required Documents

Please submit the following documents digitally to the SICSS Office in order to finalize your SICSS membership:

1. **Proof of admission to doctoral procedure**
Admission letter issued by the relevant institution or faculty.
2. **SICSS Supervision Agreement**
Signed by the principal supervisor, co-supervisor(s), panel chair, and doctoral researcher.
3. **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
4. **Photo Consent Form**
For media and public relations purposes.

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