

University of Potsdam

Collaborative Research Centre SFB 632

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Job Rank: PhD Position; 3 Short-Term Grants (1 year)

Specialty Areas: Information Structure

Description:

The Integrated Graduate School of the Collaborative Research Centre SFB 632 Information Structure at the University of Potsdam and Humboldt University Berlin (http://www.sfb632.uni-potsdam.de/index_en.html) invites applications for three short-term grants for PhD students covering the period 1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013. The grants are meant to enable PhD candidates with an interest in information structure to carry out some of their research in the Collaborative Research Centre, which has played a prominent role in the international research on information structure over the past 9 years.

Of particular interest to the research centre are PhD candidates from outside Germany and/or with a focus on lesser-studied non-European languages that will help to extend the cross-linguistic coverage and will ideally help to build up stable cooperations with the applicants' home universities. The research center also encourages candidates from German universities with a migrant background to apply.

Grant holders are expected to affiliate with one or (at most) two of the research projects in the centre. They participate in the integrated graduate school, which offers classes on information structure, research visits of internationally renown researchers from the field, and PhD days with presentations in front of a peer-audience. In addition, the research centre supports participation in summer or winter schools and conference visits. More information on the aims and objectives of the integrated graduate school can be found here (http://www.sfb632.uni-potsdam.de/projects_mgkeng.html).

Grant holders will receive a (tax-free) grant of 1000 EUR per month plus 103 EUR per month for additional costs. On an individual base, there may be the possibility of finding additional funding for the time after the grant runs out.

Qualification Requirements:

Candidates are expected to hold a Master's degree (or equivalent) in Linguistics and have a research focus on information structure from a theoretical (syntactic, phonological, semantic), typological, diachronic, variationist, computer-linguistic or psycho/neuro-linguistic perspective, which is ideally manifest in earlier research activities in the form of presentations/publications or a carefully worked out plan for a dissertation project.

Application Procedure:

Interested candidates are invited to send their electronic applications, including their Master's degree or equivalent (scan), a CV, a short sketch of the planned dissertation project (1-2 pages), and an accompanying letter outlining the candidates' motivation for applying at the collaborative research centre to the coordinator of the integrated graduate school Dr. Stella

Gryllia (gryllia@uni-potsdam.de). Candidates should also indicate one or two projects that they want to be affiliated with.

Application Deadline: **20 May 2012**

The selection of grant holders will be carried out by the board of the collaborative research centre by the end of June 2012.

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