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**Research Fellowship Vacancies for the DFG FOR 5034 Research Unit,
University of Potsdam, Germany**

**"Self-regulation as a resource in coping with developmental demands - a
prospective analysis from middle childhood to adolescence"**

The FOR 5034 Research Unit, funded by the German Science Foundation (DFG) is currently seeking applicants for international and national Mercator fellowships for research stays up to three months until August 2024. These research stays are intended to form the basis for a longer-term collaboration with FOR 5034.

The Mercator Fellowship Program is a DFG funded initiative to facilitate enduring collaborations with distinguished researchers from around the globe. The program provides monthly financial support following the [DFG rates](#) for Mercator Fellows during their temporary stay at our research department at the University of Potsdam, Germany. Further program benefits include travel allowances, the Mercator Fellow title, and access to the alumni network. Fellowships are granted for a duration of one to three months to facilitate the development of research projects through direct, in-person collaboration.

Who we are and what FOR 5034 is all about

The Research Unit [FOR 5034](#) "Self-regulation as a resource in coping with developmental demands - a prospective analysis from middle childhood to adolescence" is funded by the DFG. PIs are [Petra Warschburger](#), [Birgit Elsner](#), and [Robert Busching](#) (University of Potsdam), [Rebecca Bondü](#) (PHB Berlin), and [Annette Klein](#) (IPU Berlin). Our research is based on longitudinal data from of the [PIERYOUTH_study](#) with three measurement points in 2012-2015 ($N=1.650$, 6 to 11 years old at T1) and a multi-method approach. At the current 4th measurement point, we are collecting various youth-specific self-regulation (SR) measures and outcomes (e.g., internalizing and externalizing symptoms, pro-social behavior, eating-related problems), with our participants now aged between 16 and 21 years. Our research projects investigate cognitive, affective, and behavioral aspects of SR throughout childhood and adolescence, taking specific age-related developmental requirements into account. As a group of developmental, social, clinical and health psychologists, we aim at expanding the knowledge of SR in children and adolescents, disseminating our findings to the scientific community, the participating families, and to the public.

Further detailed information regarding the study design and measures are provided in the recently published [study protocol](#). Additionally, our website features the team of researchers and a [list of publications](#), offering insight into the research questions that have been addressed during the 10 years of our PIER_{YOUTH} longitudinal study.

What do we expect from a PIER_{YOUTH} Mercator Fellow?

Mercator Fellows are personalities with a distinct academic or public profile who are eager to work on a self-initiated research- or practice-oriented project connected to a DFG-funded collaborative research project. The Mercator program is open to outstanding applicants from all nationalities and backgrounds. For an application for PIER_{YOUTH}, candidates should be at the postdoctoral or professor level and have a strong scientific track record in the field of self-regulation with a focus on children and adolescents. We particularly welcome applications of researchers with a strong theoretical and/or methodological background. As a Mercator Fellow, you will have the distinct opportunity to collaborate with our agile, highly motivated research team and to contribute to the advancement of cutting-edge research initiatives.

Would you like to apply?

Interested applicants (Postdoctoral or Professor level, from Germany or abroad) are encouraged to submit their applications via email. Kindly provide the required documents, elucidating your areas of expertise and research interests until July 15, 2023.

We look forward to receiving your applications.

What needs to be submitted to apply?

Curriculum vitae, including a list of publications

Motivation letter (timeline with intended start and duration of stay, connections to research project and ideas für collaboration; 1 page)

For additional information about the application process, please contact for-pier@uni-potsdam.de. If you have any questions regarding the FOR 5034 project, feel free to email professor Warschburger via petra.warschburger@uni-potsdam.de.