



The Collaborative Research Centre SFB 1287 “Limits of Variability in Language: Cognitive, Grammatical, and Social Aspects” in Potsdam, Germany, invites applications for short-term fellowships available in 2019, 2020

Language users exhibit a high degree of variability at all levels of the linguistic system, language use, and language development and change. This variability in language can be characterised as the range of different possible linguistic behaviours that are available to a language user, a language community, or in specific languages at any linguistic level. By exploring the systematicity and the limits of variability in linguistic behaviours, the main focus of the Collaborative Research Centre (CRC) is on identifying the constraints of the underlying linguistic system. Several projects jointly evaluate the limits, relations, dependencies, and commonalities of different types of variability across a range of linguistic phenomena from the perspectives of (A) language interaction and change, of (B) language processing, and of (C) grammatical systems. The CRC provides a fantastic research infrastructure including a large interdisciplinary network of researchers, its own graduate school, and funding opportunities for conference visits, summer schools, hosting international experts etc.

We are offering several three- to twelve-month fellowships to external PhD candidates who would like to do their research within one dedicated project of the CRC. Please see the available projects here: <https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/sfb1287/subprojects.html>

The monthly fellowship is tax exempt and covers a basic amount (1365 EUR) plus direct costs (103 EUR) plus 400 EUR per child, if applicable. Holders of the grant need to cover health insurance on their own.

The University of Potsdam hosts leading groups in the field of linguistics and cognitive sciences (<http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/cognitive-sciences/index.html>). Potsdam is an attractive historical city and its palaces are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Potsdam is close to Berlin, a culturally vibrant city and home to a lively start-up scene. Both cities have a high quality of life at modest living costs.

The University of Potsdam strives to maintain gender balance among its staff. Severely disabled applicants shall receive preference in case of equal qualifications. We invite applications from people with migration backgrounds.

The fellowships require completed academic studies at an institute of higher learning (Master's degree or equivalent). Please send your application as a single PDF file including: (1) a statement of research interests and motivation, (2) a full CV, (3) a short research proposal for the duration of the fellowship, (4) the names and e-mail addresses of at least two referees, (5) academic transcripts, (6) list of publications/talks/presentations, and (7) a web-link to a copy of the Master's thesis to Dr. Anastasiya Dockhorn-Romanova

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The research proposal should state which project within the CRC the short-term researcher wants to be affiliated with (e.g., "A01"). Applicants are advised to contact the CRC investigators with whom they would like to work and discuss the possibility of collaboration with them.

Deadline for the application for a fellowship in 2019 is September, 30, 2018. Late applications may be considered if positions are unfilled.

For further details please contact Dr. Anastasiya Dockhorn-Romanova

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