

The International Research Training Group (IRTG) 1571/2 'Between Spaces. Movements, Actors and Representations of Globalisation' at the Freie Universität (FU) Berlin

invites applications for

13 PhD grants

approx. € 1300 per month

Closing date: April 30, 2015

Start of the programme: January 1, 2016 (in individual cases this date may be preceded)

The interdisciplinary International Research Training Group (IRTG), inaugurated in October 2009 and now already in its second phase of promotion, is funded by the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, DFG) and hosted by the Institute for Latin American Studies at the Freie Universität Berlin, Germany. The IRTG cooperates closely with the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Universität Potsdam, El Colegio de México, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México and Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social in Mexico City.

Objectives:

The IRTG adopts a new perspective in the study of globalisation. It seeks to make an innovative contribution to a transnational and interdisciplinary field of study by means of a dialogue between the social sciences and the humanities that is further informed by the respective academic traditions in Mexico and Germany. The IRTG studies movements between different world regions and the new spaces that have emerged during both past and present periods of ever-increasing global interconnectivity.

Participating disciplines:

We welcome applications from the following disciplines: History, Political Sciences, Literature and Cultural Studies, Sociology, Social and Cultural Anthropology, Economics and Gender Studies.

Research environment:

The Berlin-Potsdam area offers an exceptional and internationally renowned research and training environment in the field of Latin American Studies. The Dahlem Research School (DRS) of the Freie Universität Berlin provides further opportunities for interdisciplinary training.

PhD grants:

Grants are awarded for two years and may be extended for several months.

The application in English or Spanish must be submitted electronically to <https://apply.drs.fu-berlin.de/lai/>. Applications sent by email or by post will not be considered.

Requirements:

- An outstanding MA degree or equivalent degree in one of the participating disciplines
- An innovative PhD research project consistent with the research topics and questions of the IRTG, which can be finished in 2.5 years
- Very good Spanish and English skills

Applications must include the following documents:

- Certified copies of undergraduate and postgraduate diplomas, including a transcript of records
- Proof of English and Spanish language skills
- An innovative research proposal concerning one of the research areas of the IRTG, work plan, schedule, selected bibliography, abstract
- Curriculum Vitae
- Certified copies of qualifications
- A personal statement detailing the specific interest in the IRTG 'Between Spaces'
- A letter of recommendation written by a university professor

For further information on the IRTG's research and study programmes, see: www.entrespacios.de

Applicants should be prepared to reside in the Berlin-Potsdam area, to take part in a structured study programme and to commit to an extensive research agenda. Travel expenses, material costs and supplemental funding for families and child care are covered according to DFG guidelines. We especially encourage international applications. As the Freie Universität Berlin aims to increase the number of female researchers, it expressly encourages women to apply. Applications from suitable candidates with severe disabilities will receive preferential treatment.