

International Research Training Group 2445/1 'Temporalities of Future in Latin America: Dynamics of Aspiration and Anticipation', Institute for Latin American Studies, Freie Universität Berlin

2 Research Associate positions (postdoc)

Full-time positions

For a period of 3 years with the possibility of a 1,5-year extension (subject to the approval of the funding institution)

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Application deadline: December 31, 2018

Beginning: May 1, 2019

The International Research Training Group (IRTG) 'Temporalities of Future in Latin America: Dynamics of Aspiration and Anticipation' will be inaugurated on May 1, 2019 at the Institute for Latin American Studies of the Freie Universität Berlin. The interdisciplinary Mexican-German project is funded by the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, DFG), and cooperates closely with the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, the Universität Potsdam, El Colegio de México, the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México and the Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social in Mexico City.

Objectives:

The International Research Training Group aims at developing a new perspective to explore temporalities of future within the humanities and the social sciences. This research field should help expand the global interconnections and cultural heterogeneity that characterise Latin America. The focus on the aspirations and anticipations of different actors, whose interactions produce new temporalities of future, offers an innovative research approach and promotes the very needed inclusion of subaltern and non-Western practices. The cooperation with Mexican institutions allows for a multimodal study of temporalities of future in colonial, postcolonial and present-day Latin America, and promotes their empiric and theoretical exploration within an innovative, interdisciplinary framework.

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.

Academic 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.

Application:

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

Application requirements:

- An outstanding PhD degree with a topic clearly related to Latin America in one of the participating disciplines
- An innovative research project clearly related with the IRTG's research topics
- Very good Spanish and English skills

Required documentation:

- Certified copy of the PhD diploma
- Proof of English and Spanish language skills
- An innovative research proposal concerning one of the IRTG's three research areas, timetable, selected bibliography, abstract
- Curriculum Vitae
- Certified copies of qualifications
- Personal statement
- 2 letters of recommendation written by university professors

For more information about the research and study programme, visit www.lai.fu-berlin.de/en/temporalities-of-future. If you have further questions, please contact us at tempfuture@lai.fu-berlin.de.

Applicants should be prepared to reside in the Berlin-Potsdam area and to take part in organisational and mentoring activities. Travel expenses, materials and supplemental funding for families and child care will be 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.