



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

12 Research Associate positions for PhD candidates

Part time (65%)

For a period of 3 years (the last 1,5 years subject to approval by the funding institution)

Salary group 13 TV-L FU

Job Ref.: LAI-IGK-2021

Application deadline: October 20, 2021

Beginning: May 1, 2022

The International Research Training Group (IRTG) 'Temporalities of Future in Latin America: Dynamics of Aspiration and Anticipation' is part of the Institute of Latin American Studies of Freie Universität Berlin. The Mexican-German interdisciplinary project is funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) and works in close cooperation 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 the future within the humanities and the social sciences. The emerging field of research is expanded to include the two dimensions of global interconnectedness and cultural heterogeneity that characterise Latin America. The focus on the aspirations and anticipations of various actors whose interactions produce new temporalities of the future offers an innovative research approach and a necessary inclusion of subaltern and non-Western practices. The cooperation with Mexican institutions allows a multi-pronged investigation of temporalities of the future in colonial, postcolonial and contemporary Latin America and promotes their joint empirical 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 Historical Education 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 Freie Universität Berlin provides further opportunities for interdisciplinary training.

PhD Positions:

3 years of funding without the possibility of an extension.

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

Requirements:

- An outstanding MA degree, or equivalent, in one of the participating disciplines
- An innovative PhD research project consistent with the research topics and questions of the IRTG that can be finished within 3 years
- Very good Spanish and English skills

Required documents:

- Proof of completion of a MA or equivalent degree programme completed in Germany or abroad
- Proof of appropriate language skills
- Exposé of an innovative doctoral project in one of the three research fields of the IRTG, time schedule, selected bibliography, abstract
- Curriculum vitae
- Transcripts, certified copies
- Letter of motivation
- 2 letters of recommendation from university teachers

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 a structured study programme with a long overseas stay. 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.