Call for applications – RTG “Situated Cognition”: 13 PhD positions in Cognitive Science, Philosophy, Psychology, or Neuroscience

The interdisciplinary Research Training Group „Situated Cognition“, funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), invites applications for 13 PhD positions (salary scale TV-L E 13, 65%; including social benefits) for a three-year structured PhD program. The program and all positions will commence June 1st, 2020. The RTG is based at the Department of Philosophy II and the Faculty of Psychology at Ruhr-University Bochum as well as at the Institute of Cognitive Science and the Department of Philosophy at Osnabrück University.

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All PhD positions are essentially interdisciplinary with an emphasis on one of the subjects involved, i.e. philosophical theory formation, experimental psychology or neuroscience. Applicants have to apply for one of the suggested projects (max. two with indication of preference). In addition, applicants are encouraged to submit their own original project proposal in one of the theoretical areas, as long as the proposal fits the RTG’s guiding idea. Information about the guiding ideas of the RTG and the PhD projects can be found at www.situated-cognition.de.

Required qualifications (overview, please check the website for further details):

Theoretical projects:
Candidates applying for or suggesting a theoretical project are expected to have an excellent M.A., M.Sc. (or Staatsexamen degree) in Philosophy or Cognitive Science. They should have expertise in at least one of the following areas: Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Action or Philosophy of Perception. Furthermore, we expect advanced knowledge in at least one of the following areas: Cognitive Psychology, Behavioral Biology, Artificial Intelligence, or Neuroscience.

Empirical projects:
Candidates applying for an empirical project are expected to have an excellent M.Sc. (or equivalent) in Cognitive Science, Psychology, Neuroscience or in an equivalent field. Candidates have to prove that she/he is able to work out one of the empirical projects described on the website.

Applications should include the following documents, i.e.:

• the application form (please download from www.situated-cognition.com/call)
• a letter of motivation including the applicant’s research interests and motivation to work within the RTG. This should include a selection of one (or two) PhD-projects (see website)
• a curriculum vitae
• copies of degree certificates
• a writing sample: the core chapter of the Diploma/Masters thesis or preferably one relevant publication (if available)
• optional: an outline of an original theoretical project which fits into the RTG’s framework (see the RTG-website and the websites of the PIs)

Your application should consist of two PDF files: one, containing your personal documents and starting with the application form, and the second containing your writing sample.

As certified family-friendly institutions, Osnabrück University and Ruhr University Bochum are committed to furthering the compatibility between work/studies and family life.

Osnabrück University and Ruhr University Bochum are highly committed equal opportunity employers and strive to work towards a gender balance in schools or departments where new appointments are made.

Equally qualified applicants with disabilities will be favored.

Applications and inquiries should be addressed to:
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