

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The newly established research training group “The Sentimental in Literature, Culture, and Politics” at Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg (funded by the German Research Foundation and the Federal and State Governments) invites applications for the following positions:

12 PhD Positions (m/f/d)
(E-13 TV-L 65%)
starting 01.04.2022 for a duration of three years

1 Postdoctoral Position (m/f/d)
(E-13 TV-L 100%)
starting 01.04.2022 for a max. duration of three years

1 Position as Coordinator (m/f/d)
(E-13 TV-L 100%)
starting 01.04.2022 for a duration of two years with the possibility of extension
(4.5 years max.)

The research training group is concerned with the forms and functions of the sentimental in literature, culture, and politics. The sentimental – understood as a communicative code – can be observed, described, and analyzed in various fields of symbolic interaction: in aesthetic articulations, cultural practices, and in political discourses. The research training group researches these codes and their application with regard to culture-specific manifestations as well as transcultural patterns of the sentimental, developing systematic approaches to the subject matter. Besides the usual formats of a structured PhD-program, the training program also includes a practical module (internship). Employment is extended for the duration of the internship, which is financed through the funds of the research training group.

The disciplines collaborating in the research training group are American Studies, English Studies, Media Studies, Political Science, Chinese Studies, and Sociology.

Further information on the research training group, its group of advisors, thematic foci of the program, and requirements for the advertised positions can be found at <https://www.sentimental.phil.fau.de/dfg-graduierntenkolleg-das-sentimentale/> or requested here: project-sentimental@fau.de. We offer two virtual information sessions for potential candidates on December 23, 2021 at 6 pm (CET) and on January 3, 2022 at 3 pm (CET). Please register for these sessions via email to: project-sentimental@fau.de.

Applications for the doctoral positions and the postdoctoral position should include a curriculum vitae, transcripts of university degrees, a letter of recommendation, a list of publications, a 5-10-page synopsis of the planned research project, and a one-page

summary of the synopsis, including a working schedule; for the position as coordinator, the usual documents such as cover letter, curriculum vitae, and transcripts of university degrees are required.

For applicants from non-German universities, the equivalent of a German academic degree at the doctoral or postdoctoral level is required. The languages of communication in the research training group are German and English. Adequate language skills must be documented. The university offers one language course for each program member.

Applications are to be submitted electronically and addressed to the speaker of the research training group Prof. Dr. Heike Paul (Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg, Chair of American Studies, Bismarckstr.1, 91054 Erlangen; Heike.Paul@fau.de) by January 23, 2022.

FAU pursues a policy of equal opportunities to the exclusion of any form of discrimination. Applications from female scholars are encouraged. Applicants with disabilities will be given preference in case of otherwise essentially equal suitability, ability, and professional performance. FAU is certified as a family-friendly university ("audit familiengerechte Hochschule").