

12 Doctoral Researchers for a Period of 3.5 Years, 25.8895 Hours/Week (TV-L E13)

Faculty of Philology — Research Training Group (GRK) 2945

We are offering 12 **fixed-term, part-time (25.8895 hrs/week = 65%) positions**, for doctoral researchers, starting **15 April 2027**.

GRK 2945 investigates the practices and processes of producing and enforcing truth claims between the 13th and 17th centuries. It examines how something comes to be asserted, enforced, and made acceptable as "truth" that is meant to guide speech, thought, action, and decision-making. At the same time, it explores how images, texts, objects, and performances of the pre-modern era reflect the production and enforcement of truth. The program studies Europe and its early colonial contact zones as well as China and Korea, whose highly differentiated literary cultures and specific dynamics make them especially suited to comparative analysis.

For further information on the GRK 2945 program, see: <https://grk2945.blogs.ruhr-uni-bochum.de>

Your responsibilities:

- Writing a dissertation and completing a doctorate
- Active participation in the events and program strands of GRK 2945 (e.g., seminars, project presentations, lecture series, talks)

Your profile:

- An above-average completed degree (M.A., M.Ed., First State Examination in Law, or equivalent international qualification) in one of the disciplines involved in the GRK (English Studies, German Studies, History, Comparative Literature, Korean Studies, Art History, Legal History, Romance Studies, Sinology, History of Knowledge) or in a related field with a clear focus on the pre-modern period
- Ability to work independently on academic research
- Interest in interdisciplinary, theoretical work
- A high degree of personal initiative

What we offer:

- Intensive, targeted supervision while writing your dissertation
- Development of interdisciplinary skills
- Support in developing academic practices (e.g., presentations, peer review, in-depth textual work)
- Guidance on possible career paths
- Challenging and varied tasks with a high degree of personal responsibility
- Support from, and collaboration with, knowledgeable colleagues
- An open working atmosphere
- Employment at one of Germany's largest universities, part of the University Alliance Ruhr
- A workplace in the heart of a vibrant metropolitan region

Further information:

Employment is on an employee basis under the collective agreement for the public sector of the German federal states (TV-L). Pay grade E13 TV-L applies if personal and collective-bargaining requirements are met. More information: <https://oeffentlicher-dienst.info/>

Place of employment: Ruhr University Bochum.

No teaching duties involved.

Application documents (in German or English) must include, in addition to the usual materials (CV, references, and if applicable a list of publications and talks), an outline of your dissertation project of a maximum of 20,000 characters (including spaces).

Interviews will be held via Zoom, lasting about 40 minutes total: a short presentation (5–7 minutes max) of your project, followed by a roughly 30-minute Q&A session covering both the project and your CV/studies. Please be prepared for potentially short-notice invitations.

For questions, please contact our coordinator, Dr. Mariam Hammami (mariam.hammami@rub.de, Tel. +49 234 32-17905).

RUB sees itself as a university with international reach. Campus languages are German and English. Proficiency in at least one of the two languages and willingness to learn the other are required; RUB offers free courses for staff.

The staff council has the right to attend all interviews and, upon request by an applicant, will ensure its participation throughout the entire process. Please contact: wpr@rub.de.

Ruhr University Bochum (RUB) is one of Germany's leading research universities. As a reform-oriented campus university, it uniquely offers the full breadth of major academic disciplines, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration for researchers and students alike.

RUB stands for diversity and equal opportunity. We promote collaboration among heterogeneous teams and support the career advancement of people underrepresented in their respective fields. RUB especially encourages applications from women, who — in areas where underrepresented — will be given preference when equally qualified. Applications from people with disabilities are also very welcome.

Contacts for further information:

- Dr. Mariam Hammami, mariam.hammami@rub.de, +49 234 32-17905 (preferred contact)
- Prof. Dr. Christina Lechtermann, +49 234 32-28610

Travel costs, accommodation costs, loss of earnings, and other application-related expenses for interviews unfortunately cannot be reimbursed.

We look forward to your application, quoting reference number ANR 5957, by 14 September 2026, via our online application

portal: <https://jobs.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/jobposting/fc5c0dbff0802918d5b34e70927935c0e7cc735a0?ref=homepage>.