



The Research Unit “Emerging Grammars in Language Contact Situations: A Comparative Approach” (RUEG; FOR 2537) invites applications for

two 8-month postdoctoral fellowships
in the field of heritage languages
within the framework of the Research Unit’s overall research approach.

The stipends will start on 1 January 2020. Researchers will be based at one of the German universities with RUEG projects: one in the North (Berlin or Potsdam) and one in the South (Kaiserslautern, Mannheim or Stuttgart).

The Research Unit RUEG

RUEG investigates the linguistic systems and linguistic resources of heritage speakers in both of their languages across different language pairs, registers, and age groups. Research is planned for two phases of 3 years each, April 2018-March 2021 (current phase) and April 2021-March 2024 (second phase, pending funding). In the current phase, we are investigating adolescent and adult heritage speakers of Russian, Turkish, and Greek in Germany and the U.S., in addition to German as a heritage language in the U.S., as well as monolingual controls for majority and heritage languages. The next phase might also include language contact in children, and additional, typologically different languages.

The Research Unit provides an exciting infrastructure including an interdisciplinary network of researchers; currently, RUEG encompasses 8 projects at 5 universities (Humboldt Universität Berlin, Technische Universität Kaiserslautern, Universität Mannheim, Universität Potsdam, Universität Stuttgart) and the ZAS-Leibniz Institute (Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft).

For more information see: linguistik.hu-berlin.de/en/rueg

Goal of the postdoc fellowships

Fellows are expected to develop independent research proposals that pertain to the Research Unit and that will allow them to be involved as PIs in the planned second 3-year-phase of the Research Unit.

Postdoctoral fellows choose one of the RUEG sites as their base, where they will be provided with office space, lab access, and full benefits of mentoring and coaching opportunities offered by local career advancement programs or graduate schools. They will be full members of RUEG with access to funding for conference visits, networking, and pilot studies.

Qualifications

Applicants should hold a PhD degree in linguistics and have proven research interests in one or more of the following fields: heritage languages, language contact, bilingualism, language acquisition, language structure (morphology, syntax, phonology), linguistic architecture. Applicants should be interested in collaborative, interdisciplinary work.

Application process

Please send your application as a single PDF including: (1) a statement of research interests and motivation, (2) a full CV, (3) academic transcripts, (4) a list of publications/talks/presentations, (5) an outline of planned research within RUEG (up to 3 pages long), (6) PhD thesis.



Applications should be sent by email to esther.jahns@hu-berlin.de and must be received by 30 June 2019.

Interviews will take place in September 2019 in Berlin.

One of the Research Unit's goals is to implement equality measures and we encourage all interested candidates to apply, regardless of personal background. Applicants with a disability will be given preference in case of equal suitability.

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