

Open Call

SHORT-TERM FELLOWSHIPS

at the Collaborative Research Center 1629

“Negation in language and beyond” (NegLaB)

The Collaborative Research Centre (CRC) “Negation in language and beyond” (SFB 1629 NegLaB) at Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, focuses on a comprehensive exploration of the topic of negation in language and cognition. The general aim of the CRC is to unravel the complexities of negation across different languages and its implications for our understanding of linguistic competence and cognition by employing diverse empirical methods, including corpus analyses and experimental studies. The CRC comprises 15 projects, organized in three research domains. Details can be found here: <https://www.neglab.de/>

We offer three **4-month short-term fellowships for international doctoral and postdoctoral researchers**. The fellowship enables early career researchers to collaborate with experts from the CRC and with international invited experts on the topic of negation. We look for applicants who wish to pursue their own research proposal in close connection to the research focus of the CRC. We offer a stimulating international collaborative environment, trainings in methodology and data evaluation as well as measures fostering individual career development.

Funding Period

Flexible starting date between February 2nd, 2026 and September 1st, 2026

Funding

Monthly fellowship of **1.468 €** (for parents: additional 400€ child allowance)

Application deadline

December 3, 2025

Application documents

- Cover letter (including contact details and information regarding motivation and CRC research domain/project for collaboration)
- Research proposal connected to the topic of negation (max. 3 pages A4, incl. references)
- CV (including information on MA degree, PhD topic, etc. and, if applicable, list of publications and conference presentations)
- Two names and contact details of referees who may be contacted by the search committee by e-mail
- Copy of the certificates of the university degrees (MA degree, PhD Degree)
- A letter of acceptance from a hosting principal investigator (PI)

Who can apply?

Doctoral researchers and postdoctoral researchers (at most 6 years after PhD)

Application procedure

- Applicants choose a suitable host for the time of the fellowship and contact the potential host in advance (i.e., before submitting the application). Any PI of a current CRC project is eligible to act as host.
- The respective PI accepts the applicant

Please note that applications need to clearly indicate the research area to which the proposal relates and the specific research project of the SFB with which the collaboration is intended. The applications are evaluated by domain coordinators of the CRC with respect to the following criteria: scientific quality and thematic matching of the proposal. Applicants will be notified about the decision **in January 2026**.

Contact and Submission

Please contact Prof. Dr. Esther Rinke or Dr. Derya Nuhbalaoglu-Ayan (Nuhbalaoglu@em.uni-frankfurt.de) for questions concerning the fellowships. Applications should be submitted electronically by e-mail (as one PDF file) to Prof. Dr. Esther Rinke, Esther.Rinke@em.uni-frankfurt.de.

The e-mail heading should include the following: **Short-term fellowships, Domain name, Project name** (i.e., Short-term fellowships, Domain A, Project A02)