

The Research Training Group **Trust and Communication in a Digitized World**, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), invites applications for

**10 three-year PhD positions (65% TV-L E13, 100% TV-L E13 in exceptional cases),**

beginning in April 2012.

The Research Training Group “Trust and Communication in a Digitized World” examines how trust can be developed and maintained against the backdrop of the contexts of new forms of communication. In order to examine the concepts of trust and communication in the overlapping research areas and dimensions, scholars from the field of communication studies, economics, information systems, psychology and sports science will cooperate within the framework of the interdisciplinary research programme. Using a range of social science methods, the Research Training Group thereby studies individual, organisational and social trust-building processes. Besides generating empirical results, the aim of the postgraduate programme is to offer new methodical insights and to provide a theoretical foundation for the field of trust research.

Further information concerning the Research Training Group’s research and study programme is available at [www.uni-muenster.de/GK-Vertrauen-Kommunikation](http://www.uni-muenster.de/GK-Vertrauen-Kommunikation). The website also offers information on possible PhD projects as well as on the researchers involved in the programme.

### **Profile**

Applicants should display an academic profile according to the research programme (preferably through a degree in one of the above mentioned subjects), and further be accustomed with empirical survey and analytical methods. On the basis of a transcript of records as well as a letter of motivation the candidate should underline his or her ability to conduct in-depth research related to the programme’s fields of research.

### **Full applications should include the following:**

- Letter of motivation providing insight into the candidate’s theoretical and methodical skills (in particular with regard to the research programme), his or her personal and academic goals and an evaluation of his/her personal motives to join the Research Training Group
- A research proposal (3-5 pages) outlining the planned research project. This can include one of the projects described on the website or a proposal of your own, which is developed within the analytical framework of the research programme
- Your two favoured supervisors
- Curriculum vitae in table format

- Transcript of records
- University certificate(s), certificates stating further qualifications, internships, etc.

Candidates will be selected for interviews on the basis of the applications.

The University of Münster is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to raise the ratio of women scientists in academic positions. Consequently, we actively encourage applications from suitably-qualified women who will be treated preferentially. The same applies to suitable applicants with disabilities. The Research Training Group is a family-friendly institution and supports reconciliation of work and family life.

Applications in German should be addressed to the speaker of the Research Training Group, Prof. Dr. Bernd Blöbaum, by post and by e-mail no later than **December 1<sup>st</sup> 2011**.

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