

DFG-funded Research Training Group “Fixing Futures: Technologies of Anticipation in Contemporary Societies”

Information and guideline for applicants

The research training group is located at Goethe University Frankfurt. It offers

1 Postdoctoral Researcher position (TV-L E13, 100% full-time)¹

Application procedure for the postdoctoral researcher position

The application must contain:

- a covering letter in which applicants describe themselves and their motivation,
- a curriculum vitae (CV),
- copies of grade certificates / university degree (translated if not in German or English),
- two names of professors who are able to provide information about the candidate's scientific potential, personal eligibility for a postdoc position in a Research Training Group, thematic fit and competencies in empirical research methods.
- a research proposal (of max. 4000 words plus references and ½ page abstract) which relates to the research programme of “Fixing Futures” (please make sure to be familiar with the programme description available on www.fixingfutures.eu. Your envisaged postdoctoral project may relate to at least one research area (governance, economies, life).

Your research proposal should refer to the following:

1. Topic and brief description of your project and main research question; explanation how your research project relates to the Research Training Group programme and contributes to research on technologies of anticipation.
2. Outline of relevant theories / background concepts and a selected overview over existing research in the field and own previous work (if relevant)
3. Work programme: objectives and study design of your research project; methodology and research methods
4. Work plan: Show how your project could be organised and realised within five years.

¹ For information on the DFG Personnel Rates see https://www.dfg.de/formulare/60_12/v/60_12_-2023-_en.pdf

Applications must be sent via email to dekanat.fb03-bewerbungen@soz.uni-frankfurt.de. Send your application by **20th September 2023** in one email, with all documents attached in one pdf file (where possible) with the file name containing your second name.

Successful candidates will choose a **mentor** from the group of participating researchers. Together with the mentor, you will jointly develop a work plan with annual milestones and individualised career advice, which is continuously assessed and updated in biannual supervision meetings.

Postdoc posts are full time positions (100%), funded by the DFG, and limited until 30th April 2028 (the salary is according to TV-L E 13 and varies according to prior job experience; level 1 applies for persons without prior academic job experience). The limitation of contracts is in line with the 'Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz' that regulates employment of early career researchers in Germany.

Assessment criteria

For postdoctoral researchers, the following criteria apply:

- (a) an outstanding doctorate in STS, human geography, cultural anthropology, sociology or a neighbouring discipline;
- (b) good methodological skills and research experience;
- (c) depth of knowledge in at least one work area (economies, governance, life);
- (d) excellent competences in research methods and theories in STS as well as publications in (inter-)national peer-reviewed journals;
- (e) a research proposal on a project that promises to make an important contribution to STS research on future-making through technologies of anticipation;
- (f) ability and willingness to work in a team.