



With its roughly 7500 personnel working in a vast range of different occupational groups, Mainz University Medical Center of the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz is one of the largest employers in the State of Rhineland-Palatinate. Not only do we minister to the needs of more than 300000 patients annually, but we are also a major medical research and training institute. As a comprehensive care centre, we are able to offer a wide spectrum of different options for professional and personal advancement.

The newly founded research training group “Life Sciences – Life Writing” (GRK 2015/1), starting April 1, 2017, is advertising

Doctoral Fellowships in Medicine and the Humanities (m/f) Reference 797/16

As part of the German Research Foundation (DFG) funded research training group “Life Sciences, Life Writing: Experiences at the Boundaries of Human Life between Biomedical Explanation and Lived Experience” (GRK 2015/1), the University of Mainz and the Mainz University Clinic are jointly inviting applications for 12 doctoral fellowships.

At the intersection of biomedicine, individual and society, experiences at the boundaries of human life arise which pertain to the entire human life span, from technologically assisted reproduction to end-of-life decisions accompanied by intensive care. These experiences at the boundaries of human life confront both biomedicine and the humanities with the necessity of reassessing their established approaches to problem solving and definitions of agency, and require an interdisciplinary dialogue.

Our interdisciplinary research training group provides you with the opportunity to bring your skills and competences to a structured doctoral program based on interdisciplinary dialogue.

Your tasks:

- Developing an independent dissertation project within the framework of overarching questions explored by the research training group
- Active involvement in the development of the research and training program of the group
- Participation in interdisciplinary publication projects and co-authoring publications with other members of the research training group
- Presenting your research at interdisciplinary conferences

Your profile:

- An excellent MSc, MA or equivalent in the area of life sciences or the humanities, alternatively an outstanding course performance in medicine
- Academic curiosity and the willingness to work in an interdisciplinary team with other young researchers
- A keen interest in working in an international team of doctoral students and in immersing yourself in a disciplinary framework complementary to your own (humanities/cultural studies or natural sciences/medicine)
- At least one first-authored manuscript in a top-tier journal
- An excellent knowledge of English

We offer:

- An interdisciplinary platform for exploring experiences at the boundaries of human life between biomedical explanation and the dimension of lived experience
- Co-supervision of your dissertation project by outstanding faculty from the natural sciences/medicine and the humanities
- An excellent possibility of transferring the skills and competences gained in the research training group to a great variety of other fields and disciplines
- The possibility of earning a doctoral degree in medicine, American studies, philosophy, history, cultural anthropology, pharmaceutical biology and molecular biology
- The opportunity to conduct your dissertation research in cooperation with outstanding international researchers from Europe, The US, Australia and Asia
- Excellent employment opportunities in academic and non-academic areas based on your research of current and highly relevant topics

- Childcare facilities: depending on availability
- Work-related tickets for public transport as well as good transport connections

Your contact person for academic questions are the speaker of the research training group:

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Norbert W. Paul, Tel.: 06131 179545 and Univ.-Prof. Dr. Mita Banerjee, Tel.: 06131 3922250.

Closing date: October 20, 2016

Send your application, including cover letter and CV, and **referring to job opening 797/16** to kariere@unimedizin-mainz.de (only by e-mail, ideally as a single PDF file)

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