

The DFG-funded interdisciplinary graduate school  
GRK 1767 'Factual and Fictional Narration'  
at the University of Freiburg, Germany, is inviting applications for

8 PhD positions  
starting on **October 1, 2018**

Remuneration follows the DFG rates of TV-L E13, 65%. The positions are funded for 3 years.

### Summary

The graduate school 'Factual and Fictional Narration' focuses on nonfictional narratives as well as on the interplay of factuality and fictionality in a wide range of texts and (audio-) visual or material media. Although factual narrative cannot be easily defined, we take as our starting point narratives that for their addressees have a direct pragmatic reference to real-world situations. Our research aims at extending narratological methodology to areas beyond the classical applications of literary narrative theory; at the same time we want to profit from narrative analyses that have been successfully developed in other humanities disciplines as well as in fields like psychology, economics, legal studies and theology.

The graduate school provides cutting-edge methodological training in an internationally distinguished academic environment. Our qualification concept includes the participation in colloquia, workshops, conferences, and seminars as well as the completion of an interdisciplinary curriculum that has both theoretical and practical approaches and aims to promote teamwork. PhD candidates will be encouraged to develop their creativity, show initiative in a variety of ways and give free scope to their ideas and interests. The language of the graduate school is German.

The graduate school is a transdisciplinary research group. Applicants with a non-philological research focus (e.g. Law, Theology, Linguistics, Classics, Medieval Studies, History, Psychology, Media Studies, or Economics) are expressly invited to submit their application. Research projects with an interdisciplinary, intercultural and diachronic emphasis are particularly welcome. Familiarity with narratological concepts and theory is taken for granted.

Further information about the graduate school can be found online: <http://www.grk-erzaehlen.uni-freiburg.de/forschung/>

The following criteria are significant in the evaluation process:

- completion of prior studies on or ahead of schedule
- above average final grades
- outstanding presentation of the dissertation project in the proposal
- proof of scholarly competence through two letters of recommendation
- persuasive self-presentation during the interview session
- the dissertation topic should align itself methodologically and thematically with the concepts and aims of the graduate school and should relate to its main research questions
- applicants should be prepared to actively engage in dialogue with fellow doctoral students

## **Application Process**

Application documents (German or English) should include a cover letter, a research proposal (max. 8 pages) including a work plan and time schedule, CV, copies of earned university degrees and detailed transcripts. These should be sent in hard copy to the director of the graduate school, Professor Monika Fludernik, re: GRK 'Factual and Fictional Narration':

Prof. Dr. Monika Fludernik  
University of Freiburg  
GRK 1767  
Erbprinzenstraße 13  
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In addition, the same application documents are to be sent in one single PDF file to [hanna.haeger@grk1767.uni-freiburg.de](mailto:hanna.haeger@grk1767.uni-freiburg.de). Two letters of recommendation are required and should be sent directly to one of the above addresses either electronically or by snailmail.

**The application deadline is March 19, 2018.**

Short-listed applicants will be interviewed in Freiburg on either **May 2** or **May 4, 2018**.