PhD position in the DFG Graduate School „Neurobiology of Emotional Dysfunctions“ for a psychologist (M.Sc.) with interest in fMRI

We encourage outstanding German and international graduate students to apply for a doctoral position in the graduate programme “Neurobiology of Emotion Dysfunction” (GRK) at the University of Regensburg. We provide a specialized interdisciplinary training programme at the highest conceptual and methodological level. The students will perform well-focused projects aimed to reveal multiple aspects of emotional behaviours in health and disease across molecular, neuronal, neuroendocrine and behavioural levels in an appropriate research environment. Methodologically, the PhD student will be trained in state-of-the-art fMRI techniques as well as pharmacological-based approaches best suitable for investigating neurobiological correlates of emotions and social interactions. The project supervised by Andreas Mühlberger and Mark Greenlee will focus on the Oxytocin system and investigate the neural basis of social fear conditioning using fMRI measures.

The GRK will provide the student with all relevant skills for a future career in clinical psychology and/or the field of neuroscience. The PhD student will be expected to participate in weekly research seminars and journal clubs, annual weekend retreats, symposia and summer schools, and will receive specific soft skills training. A 3 to 4-months research visit in an international collaborative lab and the active participations at international conference should further support the international integration of the student.

Your profile

• Diploma, Master or equivalent degree in Psychology
• Proven qualifications with emphasis on subjects related to P6 project (Brain systems involved in cued and social fear conditioning in humans: see: http://www.ur.de/research/grk-emotion/research-projects/index.html)
• High motivation and commitment
• Interest in active participation to the GRK program
• Very good written and spoken English skills

What we offer

• Excellent research and living environment
• Intensive supervision
• Interdisciplinary team and great peer-groups.

Start of funding on May 01st, 2017. All positions are funded for up to three years, according to the German pay scale TV-L E13 (65%).

For more information, please visit the homepage of the GRK. Please apply as soon as possible, latest until the 14th of March 2017 via the submission portal: http://www.ur.de/research/grk-emotion/. For further information, please contact Prof. Dr. Andreas Mühlberger at andreas.muehlberger@ur.de