



#### 4 postdoctoral positions to be filled for research fellows in

### Philosophy, Psychiatry and Neuroscience

The Institute of Cognitive Science (**IKW**) at the University of Osnabrück, Germany, and the Faculty of Medicine of Bonn University (**UKB**), Germany, seek applicants for four postdoctoral positions to work up to three years in the interdisciplinary research project *animal emotionale II – Existential Feelings, Psychopathology and the Range of Evolutionary Explanations* funded by the VolkswagenStiftung (the positions allow for further scientific qualification, e.g. Habilitation).

The research fellows will pursue intimately interwoven philosophical questions and neuroimaging studies with healthy subjects and patients in order to investigate basic emotions and existential feelings. The research projects are connected to other national and international projects on emotion research. For further information see <http://www.animal-emotionale.de>. The research projects will start October 1, 2009. The successful applicants will be chosen during a joint symposium on June 29.

In particular, the following four positions are to be filled:

#### **Postdoctoral position at the IKW**

(Salary level EG 13 TV-L)

The aim of the project is to provide a comprehensive and systematic philosophical analysis of existential feelings. The successful applicant will cooperate closely with the research fellows in psychiatry and neuroscience at the UKB.

Applicants should have an excellent PhD degree in philosophy or a related discipline that includes a substantial philosophical component. In addition, applicants should have expertise in philosophy of emotions or affective science, and they should have experience in interdisciplinary research.

Further information can be provided by Prof. Dr. Achim Stephan ([achim.stephan@uos.de](mailto:achim.stephan@uos.de)).

#### **Postdoctoral position at the IKW**

(Salary level EG 13 TV-L)

The successful applicant will be concerned with the philosophical problems (in particular from the point of view of the philosophy of science) that arise with regard to the testability and explanatory power of evolutionary explanations, in particular explanations of the basic emotions fear and disgust. She/he will cooperate closely with the research fellows in psychiatry and neuroscience at the UKB.

Applicants should have an excellent PhD degree in philosophy or a related discipline that includes a substantial philosophical component. In addition, applicants should have expertise in philosophy of science (with a stress on evolutionary theory or philosophy of biology), and they should have experience in interdisciplinary research.

Further information can be provided by Prof. Dr. Sven Walter ([s.walter@philosophy-online.de](mailto:s.walter@philosophy-online.de)).

**Postdoctoral position at UKB**  
(Salary level EG 14 TV-L)

The successful applicant will work on the psychopathology and neurophilosophy of fear, disgust and existential feelings, and conduct an fMRT study on patients with derealization- or depersonalization-syndrome. She/he will cooperate closely with the research fellows in philosophy at the IKW.

Applicants should have completed their medical doctor excellently, have considerable clinical experience in psychiatry and psychotherapy and have substantial knowledge in psychopathology. In addition, applicants should have experience in interdisciplinary research.

Further information can be provided by Prof. Dr. Dr. Henrik Walter ([henrik.walter@ukb.uni-bonn.de](mailto:henrik.walter@ukb.uni-bonn.de)).

**Postdoctoral position at UKB**  
(Salary level EG 13 TV-L)

The successful applicant will pursue neuroimaging studies related to the primary experience of fear and disgust and will be concerned with the empirical investigation of existential feelings. She/he will cooperate closely with the research fellows in philosophy at the IKW.

Applicants should have an excellent PhD degree in psychology or cognitive science or completed their medical doctor, and they should be familiar with the analysis and interpretation of neuroimaging data. In addition, applicants should have experience in interdisciplinary research.

Further information can be provided by PD Dr. Susanne Erk ([serk@uni-bonn.de](mailto:serk@uni-bonn.de)).

The Faculty of Medicine of Bonn University and the University of Osnabrück strive for an increase in the number of women in academic employment. Women are therefore especially encouraged to submit their applications and will be preferentially considered provided they are equally qualified. Disabled candidates with equal qualifications will be given preference.

All positions are full-time positions. However, if suitable candidates present themselves, we would consider appointing two part-time fellows, rather than one full-time fellow. If you would only like to be considered for full- or for part-time employment, please make this clear in your letter of application.

Applications for the two positions at the **IKW** should be submitted to the Director of the Institute of Cognitive Science at the University of Osnabrück by email to [beate.eibisch@uni-osnabrueck.de](mailto:beate.eibisch@uni-osnabrueck.de). Please attach a full academic CV (including the contact details of two academic referees), accompanied by a covering letter that explains how you match the person specification. The closing date for applications is 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2009.

Applications for the two positions at the **UKB** should be submitted to the Director of the Division of Medical Psychology at the Faculty of Medicine, Bonn, per email to [henrik.walter@ukb.uni-bonn.de](mailto:henrik.walter@ukb.uni-bonn.de) oder to [jutta.kuehn@ukb.uni-bonn.de](mailto:jutta.kuehn@ukb.uni-bonn.de). Please attach a full academic CV (including the contact details of two academic referees), accompanied by a covering letter that explains how you match the person specification. The closing date for applications is 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2009.