

Call for Application:

2 Research Grants for PhD Students – Center of Excellence – Cognitive Interaction Technology CITEC Graduate School, Bielefeld, Germany

CITEC's goal are technical systems that are capable of cognitive interaction: this means the ability to interact with humans in situations and assist them for tasks that require some cognitive understanding of the context. Moreover those systems need to integrate abilities such as shared attention, perception-guided planning and control of actions, situated communication and learning. Given that the most advanced integration of such capabilities is seen in living systems, CITEC connects research groups in computer science, informatics and robotics with researchers and groups from biology, linguistics, mathematics, physics, psychology and sport science. Individual groups cooperate in a highly interdisciplinary research institute established through the German Excellence Initiative and funded since 2007.

Two research grants for highly qualified students aiming to obtain a Ph.D. in one of the above fields and thematic areas are offered by the Graduate School Cognitive Interaction Technology (3 years duration, tax free research fellowship). The Graduate School is embedded within CITEC, offering a structured study program (Intelligent Systems) and providing access to premier lab and research facilities.

Eligible candidates must hold an excellent academic degree (MSc/Diploma) in one of the disciplines listed above (or related). Applications should include: (1) a cover letter indicating motivation and research interests, (2) a CV including list of publications, (3) all relevant certificates of academic qualification, and (4) contact details of two referees. In addition (5), a short outline (2-3 pages) of a research project relevant to CITEC's research objectives including a corresponding abstract. We strongly advise PhD candidates to contact a prospective supervisor among the CITEC group head's (www.cit-ec.de/researchgroups) in order to jointly identify a suitable topic for the PhD project outline in advance of the application (e.g., to clarify availability of special equipment).

Bielefeld University is an equal opportunity employer. The research grants will be given for the duration of three years, corresponding to the rules of the German Research Foundation (DFG).

Address your **electronic application to Prof. Dr. Thomas Schack, Head of Graduate School** please, using the online form: www.cit-ec.de/GraduateSchool/Application2015

Please submit your documents not later than **April 1st, 2015**.
Start of work can be from June 2015.

Please direct any queries relating to your application to the CITEC Graduate School Management, Claudia Muhl, Email: gradschool@cit-ec.uni-bielefeld.de, or phone +49-(0)521-106-6566.
