Prominence Fellowships 2027

The Collaborative Research Centre “Prominence in Language” (CRC 1252) at the University of Cologne in Germany invites applications for short-term fellowships available between March and December 2027 for researchers who are not affiliated with an institution in Germany:

- Senior Fellowships 1-3 months (2,500 Euro per month)
- Junior Fellowships 3-6 months (1,800 Euro per month)

In the Collaborative Research Centre “Prominence in Language” (CRC 1252, Sonderforschungsbereich (SFB 1252)) funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) researchers from different fields of linguistics and language studies are collaborating in 21 individual scientific projects. More than 60 researchers investigate how prominence structures language with respect to prosody (Area A), morphosyntax and semantics (Area B) as well as text and discourse structure (Area C). The projects work on a large variety of languages from more than a dozen major language families and pursue various methodological approaches. Our research on prominence contributes to a better understanding of language as a system between communication and cognition. For more information see https://sfb1252.uni-koeln.de/en/.

The CRC provides an international and highly innovative research environment and is well connected to other linguistic research centres in Germany and abroad.

We invite applications for two types of fellowships:

Senior Fellowships for experienced international researchers (at least 5 years after PhD) who will reside in Cologne for a duration of 1 to 3 months. We provide office space, access to libraries, administrative support, support in arranging accommodation and travelling. The CRC can cover 2,500 Euro per month for travel, accommodation and personal allowance.

Junior Fellowships for young international researchers (doctoral students and researchers up to 5 years after their PhD) who will reside in Cologne for a duration of 3 to 6 months. We provide office space, access to libraries, administrative support, support in arranging accommodation and traveling. The CRC can cover 1,800 Euro per month for travel, accommodation and personal allowance.

Application procedure:

Applicants must choose a suitable host for the time of the fellowship in advance. Any project leader (PL) of a current CRC project is eligible to act as host. We expect the fellow to be well integrated in the research team of one or more projects. The host should be identified and contacted **in advance**, i.e. before submitting your application (including a letter from the PL willing to host you).

Please submit a 2-page (maximum) personal statement, in which you specify the exact duration of your stay in Cologne and provide an outline of your research plan for the specified period. In addition, please provide your CV and a letter from the PL who is intending to host you.

All application documents must be submitted as a single pdf per email to the coordinator of the CRC, Dr. Christine Röhr (application-sfb1252@uni-koeln.de). **The application deadline is November 15th, 2026.**

Applications are evaluated and ranked by the board of the CRC with respect to the following criteria: scientific quality, thematic matching of the proposal to the host project as well as diversity. Applicants will be notified about the decision in December 2026.