

FAQ – Application Procedure at the RTG

Procedure/Interviews

When and where will the Interviews take place?

All interviews will be done via videoconference. The date is tba.

When will I hear back from you?

Potential candidates will receive their interview invitation approximately one week prior to the appointment.

Do I have to come to Bochum or Osnabrück for the interview?

No. All interviews will be done via videoconference.

I am still doing my Master's. Can I still apply?

Yes, you can. In that case, please submit an official certificate issued by your local examination office to confirm that

- a) your M.A. thesis has been submitted and
- b) you have fulfilled all the requirements to finish your studies

The deadline for submitting such a document is 19th April 2020.

I already have a PhD. Can I still apply?

It depends. If you, for example, already have a PhD in philosophy, you cannot apply for a theoretical/philosophical project (but you can still apply for an empirical project).

I want to know more about my potential supervisor. How can I get into contact?

The interviews (via videoconference) provide an opportunity to get to know your potential supervisor (and the other Principal Investigators of the RTG) and you are welcome to ask any questions regarding supervision etc. You can also check their websites or contact the secretary of the respective PI.

Details about the positions

In case I get one of the remaining 5 PhD positions, can I chose whether I want to do my research in Bochum or Osnabrück?

No, you cannot choose. Whether you will be located in Bochum or Osnabrück depends on where your first supervisor is located.

Will I be mostly at one location, or will I work at RUB and University of Osnabrück?

Your main research-location will be the home university of your first supervisor. However, there will be at least monthly meetings, or workshops at either of the two locations, where attendance will be obligatory for all PhDs.

For Non-EU applicants

If you are accepted for one of the 5 PhD-positions and need to apply for a visa, please let us know asap. We will then help you to get any required documents as soon as possible. However, please allow for sufficient time.