

Abstract

The German Research Foundation (DFG) supports international cooperation in all funded projects and devotes particular attention to the education and advancement of early career researchers. International Research Training Groups (IRTGs) funded by DFG combine these two objectives by putting a key emphasis on the qualification of doctoral researchers within the framework of a focused research program jointly organized by two partner universities.

The Research Training Group funding program is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. This presentation is going to introduce the success story of IRTGs and give insights in the strategic development over time.

Short bio - Dr. Astrid Evers

PhD in Cell Biology from the University of Kiel, Germany. Towards the end of my PhD project, I was lucky enough to get involved in a local Research Training Program, which really improved my thesis and prepared me for a Postdoc stay in a partner laboratory in the US. After two years of postdoctoral research at the Hospital for Special Surgery (associated with Cornell Medical College) in New York I decided to move into research management (a step I did not regret!). I have been a Programme Officer since 2016 in DFGs Department for Research Careers, where I am in charge of IRTGs with partners in Europe, Russia, and since May of this year also in North and Latin America.

Link to DFG website on IRTGs for more information:

https://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/programmes/coordinated_programmes/research_training_groups/index.html

Brochure “20 Years of Research Training Groups” from 2010 attached