



The Collaborative Research Centre CRC 1287 “Limits of Variability in Language: Cognitive, Computational, and Grammatical Aspects” in Potsdam, Germany, invites the application for the CRC’s Scientific coordinator of the Integrated Research Training Group (maternity leave replacement)

The linguistic system exhibits a high degree of variability at all levels of linguistic description. This variability in language can be characterised as a range of different possible linguistic behaviours that are available to an individual language user, a group of language users, or in specific languages. The variability is limited by the constraints of the underlying linguistic system and shaped by cognitive and social or communicative factors. This variability is not just reducible to random noise but provides an important source of information to explain and predict linguistic behaviour. By modelling the factors influencing linguistic behaviours, the CRC (21 PIs in 13 scientific projects, one transfer project, and three service projects) contributes to a better understanding of the underlying mental representations and processing architectures in individual language users, as well as of the grammatical options available in individual languages and specific linguistic varieties, and options shared by particular subgroups of languages users.

Project MGK: Scientific coordinator of the Integrated Research Training Group

PI: Doreen Georgi (one postdoc position for 20 hours of work per week (50%) – fixed maternity leave replacement)

We invite applications for the temporary position of the scientific coordinator of the integrated graduate school (MGK) of the research cluster as maternity leave replacement. Start date is 3rd September 2021, please contact us directly for further details about the duration (see below).

Responsibilities of the coordinator include: development of the concept of the MGK (e.g., content and structure of the linguistic and methodological training components); scientific coordination, monitoring, and organization of the MGK activities and events; writing of publications and reports; evaluation of MGK activities and of the scientific achievements of the PhD candidates; support and supervision of the selection process of PhD candidates and short-term fellows; planning, oversight and compliance management of supervision agreements; planning and organization of the scientific training programme; support in public outreach and dissemination efforts for the MGK and CRC; formulation of progress reports.

Requirements: Applicants should hold a Ph.D., preferably in experimental linguistics or a related field, and have demonstrated experience with experimental linguistics and the management of larger research projects. Previous work experience in academic management is a plus. We are looking for a person that has an independent, proactive and structured way of working and a pronounced hands-on mentality. Good knowledge of English and German is essential.

The salary is determined by the collective bargaining agreement for public employees in Germany (TV-L E13). The position is temporary in accordance with §14, Section 1, S. 2, No. 3 of the TzBfG (Replacement) and is paid at 50% of the TV-L 13 tariff.

The University of Potsdam has a vibrant and interdisciplinary scientific community spanning many disciplines, including leading groups in the field of cognitive sciences (<http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/cognitive-sciences/index.html>). The University is located in the city of Potsdam, which is connected to Berlin city centre via a quick 30-minute train ride. Potsdam is an attractive historical city and its palaces are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Both cities are culturally vibrant and offer an unparalleled quality of life, as well as affordable cost of living.

The University of Potsdam aims to increase the proportion of women in research and teaching and therefore expressly invites qualified female candidates to apply. The University of Potsdam values the diversity of its members and pursues the goals of equal opportunities regardless of gender, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion/belief, disability, age, sexual orientation or identity. In the case of equal suitability, women in accordance with Section 7 (4) BbgHG and people with a severe disability will be given preferential consideration. We explicitly invite applications from abroad and from persons with a migration background.

Please send your application **as a single PDF** including: (1) a statement of motivation and prior experience in research and management, as well as with structured graduate programs, (2) a full CV, (3) the names and e-mail addresses of at least two referees, (4) academic transcripts, (5) list of publications/talks/presentations/organized events/management activities etc., and (6) a link to a copy of the PhD thesis **by July 21, 2021** to SFB1287@uni-potsdam.de. Late applications might be considered. Please clearly indicate in the subject line for which of the projects/positions you apply (i.e., "MGK").

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