



Universität Potsdam

Job Announcement

Young, modern, and research oriented... the University of Potsdam has firmly established itself within the scientific landscape since its founding in 1991. Nationally and internationally renowned scientists teach and perform research here at Brandenburg's largest university. The University of Potsdam is successful in acquiring third-party funds, delivers outstanding performance in technology and knowledge transfer, and has a very service-oriented administration. With about 21,000 students studying at three campuses – Am Neuen Palais, Griebnitzsee and Golm – the University of Potsdam is a prominent economic factor and engine of development for the region. The University of Potsdam has a total of over 2,800 faculty and staff members and is located in one of Germany's most scenic areas.

The **University of Potsdam, Faculty of Human Sciences, Chair in Computational Linguistics** invites applications for the following position **subject to funding commitment**:

Academic Staff Member (PostDoc) Requisition No.: 205/2019

The position is available from June 01, 2019. The position is for 40 hours of work per week. The salary is determined by the collective bargaining agreement for public employees in Germany (TV-L 13 Ost). The initial duration of the contract is for three years (in accordance with Section 2 subsection 1 of the German Academic Fixed-Term Contract Law (WissZeitVG)).

Responsibilities:

- The post-doctoral researcher is expected to take an active role in the research activities of Prof. Schlangen's research group. The exact topic is open, but should relate to the interests of the group (situated dialogue, language & vision, incremental dialogue processing, computational semantics, natural language generation, human/robot interaction)
- The position carries a teaching load in the Computational Linguistics BA and/or MSc. This could consist of two separate classes, or one class + lab

Requirements:

- A PhD in Computational Linguistics, Computer Science or related fields (in hand by start of contract)
- Experience with current NLP methods (e.g., deep learning) and good writing skills, as evidenced through publications at top venues (e.g., *ACL)
- strong programming skills are required; experience with user-facing systems (interacting with / presenting output to users) a plus

- Experience with interactive systems, and/or processing video, audio, or images a plus
- The working language of the group is English. Very good spoken and written command of English is required
- Ability to teach undergraduate classes in German a plus

Background:

Prof. Schlangen's research group is embedded there in the Department of Linguistics and the University's designated Research Focus in Cognitive Sciences. It provides a dynamic and international research environment and maintains close ties with the departments of computer science and psychology. The department offers a BSc in Computational Linguistics and an MSc "Cognitive Systems: Language, Learning, and Reasoning" (with a specialisation in CL; taught in English).

Under the laws of the federal state of Brandenburg, employees under this contract are permitted to dedicate at least 33% of their contract time for their scientific qualification. The University of Potsdam strives to maintain gender balance among its staff. Severely disabled applicants shall receive preference in case of equal qualifications. We expressly invite applications from people with migration backgrounds.

The number of teaching hours complies with the applicable provisions of the Teaching Obligation Ordinance (Lehrverpflichtungsverordnung, or LehrVV) of the federal state of Brandenburg as well as the teaching load regulations approved by the Senate of the University of Potsdam:

http://www.uni-potsdam.de/fileadmin01/projects/verwaltung/docs/Dezernat3/Merkblatt_LehrVV.pdf

If in doubt whether you meet the requirements and for further information can be obtained from Prof. Dr. David Schlangen. Please send your application in English or German by email to Frau Dr. Rudtke (Managing Director of the Faculty of Human Sciences), E-Mail: rudtke@uni-potsdam.de until February 28th 2019. The application should comprise a cover letter with a brief statement of research experience and interests, a CV as well as copies of undergraduate and graduate certificates.

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