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Faculty of Arts and Humanities

PhD position (f/m/x)

Department of Linguistics – General Linguistics



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We are one of the largest and oldest universities in Europe and one of the most important employers in our region. Our broad range of subjects, the dynamic development of our main research areas and our central location in Cologne make us attractive for students and researchers from around the world. We offer a wide range of career opportunities in science, technology, and administration.

The DFG project 'Taking spoken language seriously' is investigating the extent to which the characteristics of spoken language, in contrast to those of written language, are relevant in typological and theoretical research. One subproject explores transcription practices: How do transcripts produced by different transcribers differ? How consistent are transcribers? Alongside experiments on European languages, the focus of research is on Austronesian and Papuan languages, for which transcription practices will be investigated in the field.

YOUR TASKS

- » Complete a doctoral thesis on transcription practices in linguistics
- » Design and implement transcription experiments
- » Work together with the project team, including providing administrative support
- » If applicable, the opportunity to conduct fieldwork in Indonesia

YOUR PROFILE

- » Successfully completed Master's degree in linguistics
- » Experience with empirical studies of spoken language, especially of non-European languages: transcription, prosodic phrasing, corpora of spoken-language
- » The ability to work both independently and in a team; excellent time-management skills
- » Proven ability to compose clear and well-written scientific texts (e.g. in a Master's thesis)

WE OFFER

- » A diverse working environment with equal opportunities
- » Support in balancing work and family life
- » Extensive advanced training opportunities
- » Occupational health management offers
- » Flexible working time models
- » Opportunity to work remotely

The University of Cologne promotes equal opportunities and diversity. Women will be considered preferentially in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz – LGG NRW). We also expressly welcome applications from all suitable candidates regardless of their gender, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation and identity.

The position is available from 1 October 2024 on a part-time basis (25,89 hours per week). The contract is to be filled for a fixed term until 30 September 2027. If the applicant meets the relevant wage requirements and personal qualifications, the salary is based on remuneration group 13 TV-L of the pay scale for the German public sector.

Please apply online with proof of the required qualifications without a photo under: <https://jobportal.uni-koeln.de>. The reference number is Wiss2406-25. The application deadline is 31 July 2024. For further inquiries, please contact Katherine Walker (k.walker@uni-koeln.de).



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