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Several doctoral positions in Linguistics (f/m/x)

CRC 1252 | Prominence in Language

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 Collaborative Research Centre „Prominence in Language" (CRC 1252) is a dynamic research environment with 20 research projects in linguistics and related fields. Our vision is to investigate prominence relations in larger discourse segments and dialogue. More information can be found here: https://sfb1252.uni-koeln.de/en/

There are twelve (12) open doctoral positions within the CRC 1252, from April 01, 2025 until December 31, 2028 (part time, 65%, 25.89 hours/week) within the following projects (https://sfb1252.uni-koeln.de/en/projects):

» A01 Intonation and attention orienting: Neurophysiological and behavioural correlates (Grice/Schumacher)
» A07 Metrical prominence – Scales and structures (Baumann)
» B02 Beyond split case marking: Participant coding strategies in East African languages (Hellwig/Mitchell)
» B04 Interaction of nominal and verbal features for Differential Object Marking (García García/Caro Reina)
» B06 Attention and prominence in language production and acquisition (Penke)
» B08 Differential Object Marking in the Nuristani Languages (Hill)
» B09 Prominence in action: The competition for argument-marking in German Sign Language (DGS) (Perniss)
» B10 The role of gender in prominence hierarchies: A cross-linguistic and cross-register perspective (Le Foll/Hinterwimmer)
» C02 Temporality and modalization in discourse structure (Becker/Egetenmeyer)
» C11 Prominence in Large Language Models (Reiter)

Project-specific tasks and profiles can be found here:
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YOUR TASKS

» conduct research on prominence in language
» develop and apply empirical methodologies in linguistic research
» present and disseminate research results in scientific outlets

YOUR PROFILE

» excellent academic record
» university degree (Master) in linguistics or related fields
» knowledge of relevant experimental and theoretical methods
» research experience relevant for the thesis project
» ability to work collaboratively and adapt quickly to new research topics
» capability of working in a team and quickly adapting to new research topics
» high proficiency in English

» strong motivation and commitment
» good communication skills and team-oriented mindset

WE OFFER

» a vibrant research environment with an international collaborative team
» participation in the a.r.t.e.s. doctoral training programme
» a diverse working environment with equal opportunities
» support in balancing work and family life
» extensive advanced training opportunities
» occupational health management offers

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 positions are available from 1 April 2025 on a part-time basis (25.89 hours per week). The positions are to be filled for a fixed term until 31 December 2028. 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 specify the project(s)/position(s) you are applying for and submit a cover letter describing your qualifications and motivation for applying for this position, CV and copies of the relevant university degree(s) including transcripts as well as your Master's thesis. In case your Master's thesis has not yet been completed, please provide two to three preliminary chapters of the Master's thesis if possible, as well as two representative samples of your writing, e.g. term papers.

Please apply online with proof of the required qualifications without photo under: https://jobportal.uni-koeln.de.
The reference number is Wiss2412-04. The application deadline is 17 January 2025.
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