



UNIVERSITY
OF COLOGNE

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Postdoctoral position in project C03 (f/m/x)

CRC 1252 | Prominence in Language



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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 Cologne-based Collaborative Research Centre 1252 "Prominence in Language" 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/> Project C03 "Reference management in bilingual narratives" investigates how bilingual children establish discourse coherence and manage prominence in dialogues and narratives. This includes contexts where code-switching is allowed, enabling children to draw on their full range of linguistic resources. The project specifically examines their production of referring expressions and the use of gestures.

YOUR TASKS

- » conduct research on prominence in language
- » design, conduct and evaluate production experiments, and collaborate on the design of off-line tasks to capture individual variation among bilingual children (e.g., metalinguistic awareness tasks)
- » contribute to data collection in bilingual schools
- » develop and apply empirical methodologies in linguistic research
- » present and disseminate research results in international scientific conferences and publications
- » establish collaborations with other projects within the Collaborative Research Centre (CRC 1252)
- » support the principal investigators and the doctoral candidates in coordinating the project

YOUR PROFILE

- » excellent academic record
- » a doctorate in psycho-/neurolinguistics, language acquisition, or cognitive science
- » experience in designing and conducting experiments
- » strong statistical knowledge and experience with data analysis
- » excellent programming skills
- » research experience at the international level
- » ability to work collaboratively and adapt quickly 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
- » plenty of opportunities for scientific involvement
- » 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

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 April 2025 on a full-time basis (39,83 hours per week). The position is 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 I3 TV-L of the pay scale for the German public sector.

Please 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 dissertation.

Please apply online with proof of the required qualifications without a photo under: <https://jobportal.uni-koeln.de>.

The reference number is Wiss2412-15. The application deadline is 17 January 2025.

For further inquiries, please contact Dr. Christine Röhr (application-sfb1252@uni-koeln.de).



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