



UNIVERSITY
OF COLOGNE

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Postdoc Research Position (f/m/x)

Chair of Diachronic Linguistics | English Department I



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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 Chair of Diachronic English Linguistics (Professor Dr Beatrix Busse) in the Department of English is looking for one postdoctoral candidate to develop and contribute to exciting and cutting-edge projects on the English language, its history, corpus linguistics, historical linguistics, data, AI, urban space, and well-being. In addition, an innovative teaching and learning environment as well as an international network in research and education allows for imagination, creativity and innovation in those areas.

YOUR TASKS

- » Develop a cutting-edge research project, and manage the publication, communication and dissemination of the project
- » Present of research and teaching at national and international scientific conferences
- » Develop new ways of "actionable humanities and social sciences"
- » Compile and annotate corpora and develop software
- » Teach two courses per semester (4 hours per week) at the Department of English Studies
- » Supervise (student) research assistants
- » Carry out administrative tasks

YOUR PROFILE

- » Doctoral degree with outstanding achievement in English studies, English linguistics, computational/corpus linguistics, or another relevant discipline
- » Excellent command of English in spoken and written form
- » An interest in and prior knowledge of qualitative and quantitative corpus linguistic methodology and in annotating linguistic data (XML, TEI etc.) OR substantiated knowledge of programming in Python, basic knowledge of software engineering, natural language processing, and network and graph analysis OR an interest in willingness to acquire these skills
- » Preferably experience in working with databases and SQL, Git, basic knowledge of machine learning

WE OFFER

- » A vibrant, dynamic international and interdisciplinary research and teaching environment and team
- » 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, full-time positions suitable for job sharing
- » 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 immediately on a full-time basis (39,83 hours per week). The position is to be filled for a fixed term until 30 June 2029. 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 Wiss2603-17. The application deadline is 1 May 2026.

For further inquiries, please contact Dr Nina Dumrukcić (nina.dumrukci@uni-koeln.de) and take a look at our [FAQs](#).



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