

Post-doctoral researcher for FB 2/project SPEAK

The FB2 situated at Leibniz-Centre General Linguistics (ZAS, <https://www.leibniz-zas.de/en>) invites applications for a two-year post-doctoral research position (39h/week; TVÖD 13 Bund level of the German governmental scale) in the project “SPEAK - Sprachdiagnostik mehrsprachiger Kinder: Validierung einer Testbatterie” starting on 01.06.2024 or shortly afterward.

Research Area 2 ‘Language Development and Multilingualism’ (FB2) focuses on language acquisition in monolingual and multilingual children. Our research covers lexical and grammatical acquisition, narrative skill development, and the development of multilingual language assessment tools, e.g., Multilingual Assessment Instrument for Narratives (MAIN, <https://main.leibniz-zas.de/>).

The collaborative project SPEAK (<https://www.leibniz-zas.de/en/research/research-areas/language-development-multilingualism/speak>) funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF)) validates an assessment battery to improve the diagnosis of bilingual children in Germany. This battery comprises subtests on four domains: Phonology, Lexicon, Syntax, and Discourse.

Requirements:

- Ph.D. completed by the time of appointment
- Research expertise in linguistics, psycholinguistics, and/or clinical linguistics
- Strong theoretical background
- Strong statistical skills including descriptive and inferential statistics (e.g., data analyses using R)
- Some programming knowledge
- Ability to work independently as well as in a team

Benefits:

- Work in a large and interdisciplinary team
- Global network of researchers
- Opportunity for independent research within ZAS's overarching research themes
- 30 paid vacation days and research funds
- Possibility to teach at Berlin area universities if desired
- Support to apply for own grant funding from DFG, ERC, and other sources
- Access to ZAS labs (Child Language Laboratory, Laboratory for Psycholinguistics, Phonetics Laboratory, and Motion Capture Laboratory)

Application Procedure: Please submit a single PDF file containing:

- Cover letter
- CV
- Names and e-mail addresses of three potential referees
- Two sample publications relevant to the position you are applying for

Email your application by March 13th, 23:59 to speak@leibniz-zas.de with the subject line "SPEAK application".

The ZAS is certified for ensuring family-friendly working conditions by the audit "berufundfamilie" (workandfamily). The ZAS strives to strengthen gender balance and diversity of staff in all working areas and at all scientific levels. Members of groups traditionally underrepresented in German academic positions as well as in science support positions are particularly encouraged to apply.