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Position in Research Area FB2

The research area FB2 „Language Development & Multilingualism“ at the Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (ZAS) invites applications for a full (100%) position, with a start date of February 1st, 2027 or soon thereafter and lasting until January 31, 2029. This position is intended for scholars with at most 3 years of academic employment post PhD (excluding periods of parental leave and similar). We are not able to consider candidates at a more advanced career stage.

ZAS conducts research on the human capacity for language and its expression through individual languages. The aim is to gain a better understanding of this central human ability and its biological, cognitive and social factors. By exploring the structures of language, how they are acquired, and how they are processed, this knowledge can also be applied to fields such as speech diagnostics or speech technology.

The research area FB2 investigates the development of linguistic competence in different speaker groups during their entire life spans with a focus on language acquisition in pre-school- and primary school-aged children. The research builds on usage-based theories and uses both experimental and (semi-)spontaneous child-language data. The research area acts as a hub for narratives, supporting users globally, and maintains critical infrastructure that requires continuous upkeep.

Applicants must hold (or be about to complete) a PhD in General Linguistics, German Linguistics, Language Acquisition, Multilingualism, or a closely related field. "Currently, the area focuses on neurodiverse and neurotypical bilingual children with typical and atypical development who speak widely used home languages, with an emphasis on grammar and narratives. The area also focuses on the development of language assessment instruments and advances research in language diagnostics. Expertise in one or more of these research topics is welcome. Experience in scientific communication and knowledge transfer, along with a willingness to participate in consulting and outreach, is required. Proficiency in German is considered an asset.

The responsibilities of the position include research as well as administrative work for ZAS. Acquisition of additional projects within ZAS’s research theme structure is welcome. The position is remunerated according to E13 of the German TVOeD pay scale. ZAS is an equal opportunity employer.

ZAS is certified for ensuring family-friendly working conditions by the audit work and family (berufundfamilie)”. 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. We particularly welcome applications from people with disabilities. In addition, ZAS strives to implement the principles of Open Science.

Applications must be submitted via electronic mail in a single pdf file to FB2stelle@leibniz-zas.de by **November, 15** and include the following four items:1) a letter of intent specifying research experience and plans in detail, max 2 pages; 2) a CV including a complete list of publications; 3) the names of at least two scholars to be contacted for letters of recommendation, and 4) an electronic copy of a representative publication in pdf-format: name file according to the scheme your_surname_zas.pdf.