



Leibniz-Zentrum
Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft

REF: LD23-IMPL

Language Acquisition Study Implementation Lead (50% E9), ERC Project LeibnizDream

The Leibniz-Center General Linguistics (ZAS, www.leibniz-zas.de) invites applications for two half-time (50%) positions in the ERC research project LeibnizDream (www.leibnizdream.eu, PIs Sauerland, Alexiadou, and Guasti), starting July 1st, 2023, or soon thereafter until December 31, 2026. Compensation is according to the E9 level of the German TVöD payscale. Interviews will be held before the release of funds can be guaranteed. This document contains the job-ad for REF: LD23-IMPL, for the second position see the job-ad for REF: LD23-LAB. Applications with interest in both positions will be considered.

Important Dates

- **Application deadline:** May 7, 2023
- **Start date:** Funding is expected from July 1, 2023
- **Address for applications:** leibnizdream@leibniz-zas.de

Requirements

- B.A. degree or higher in a relevant field
- Familiarity with Labvanced experimental software and/or ability to quickly acquire in-depth knowledge
- Background and strong interest in language (acquisition) research, experimental methods, and statistics
- Github
- Image editing skills
- MS Office
- Proficient in German and English

Desired Assets:

- Team work
- Familiarity with open science, data privacy, ethics, and research grant structures
- R statistical software

Job Profile

You will be part of a larger international research team consisting of doctoral students, post-doctoral and senior researchers and 3 principal investigators conducting language acquisition studies. Under the supervision of the project's research manager and PI, you will assist and provide technical support to the researchers with implementing experimental studies during different stages of the process, from creating image and video stimuli to programming the entire experiment using the Labvanced experimental software, to managing the

storage and further processing of experimental data in close collaboration with researchers, student assistants, and the data manager. You will also supervise several student research assistants. You will be part of a global network of researchers that studies a diverse set of languages spoken across the globe, including many understudied languages. We focus on six different types of linguistic phenomena: 1) the expression of causation and agency, 2) of motion events, 3) connectives, 4) negative concepts such as exclusion, antonyms, and negation, 5) quantificational concepts, including genericity and distributivity, and 6) dependencies most frequently analyzed as variable binding such as wh-questions, relative clauses, degree clauses.

Applications must be submitted via electronic mail and include the following four items (1, 2 and 3 in PDF format): 1) a letter of intent specifying research experience and plans, 2) a CV, 3) (if applicable) electronic copies of up to two recent work samples, 4) the names and email addresses of at least two scholars to be contacted for letters of recommendation. Interested researchers wishing for secure communication with PGP can contact us for the necessary encryption key.

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. The project furthermore seeks to implement the principles of open science.