



Leibniz-Zentrum
Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft

REF: LD23-LAB

Language Acquisition Lab Manager (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-LAB, for the second position see the job-ad for REF: LD23-IMPL. 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
- Background and some experience with language acquisition methods or similar (e.g. developmental psychology)
- Github
- Image editing skills
- MS Office
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Near-native proficiency in German

Desired Assets:

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

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, and in close collaboration with the projects' lab manager, you will oversee our acquisition study infrastructure consisting of a network of Berlin-based daycare centers, with the goal of retaining existing partners, acquiring new ones, and managing the data collection process. Together with student assistants which you will supervise, you will personally oversee the data collection at our partnering daycare centers. You will also assist with the creation of image and video stimuli and experimental designs, in collaboration with researchers, student assistants, and the lab manager, and with the storage and

further processing of experimental data. You will be part of a global network of researchers that studies a diverse set of languages spoken across the globe, including many under-studied 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.