

Research assistant position in DFG-funded Project

“Limits and Biases in Machine and Human Language Learning”

Three research institutions of the Leibniz Association have joined forces in the GWZ – Berlin Humanities Centers: the Leibniz Center for General Linguistics (ZAS), the Leibniz Center for Literary and Cultural Research (ZfL), and the Leibniz Center for Modern Oriental Studies (ZMO). With a current research budget of 18 million euros per year and approximately 230 employees at our two locations in Berlin, we are among the leading non-university institutions in the field of humanities.

The ZAS conducts research on the human capacity for language and its expression through individual languages is explored. 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.

We are currently looking for a research assistant position in the DFG-funded project “**Limits and Biases in Machine and Human Language Learning**” (LIBILLE) for a period of three years (36 months) to start by July 1st, 2026 (35h/month, 14,84 EUR/h).

Job description

The project LIBILLE is part of the DFG priority program LaSTing (<https://www.lasting-spp.org>). The project PIs are Prof. Dr. Artemis Alexiadou and Prof. Dr. Uli Sauerland.

The project examines the limits and biases in machine and human language and its learning. We are looking for a highly motivated student to assist in experiment item preparation, data collection, and data management.

Your tasks

- assist in experiment item preparation, data collection, and data management.

Your profile

- Enrollment as a student of Linguistics/Computer Linguistics
- Familiarity with formal linguistic theories

What you can expect

- A job in a leading research institution
- A modern, well-equipped workplace in a new building in Berlin-Wilmersdorf (next to U-Bahnhof Spichernstraße)
- Work in an international team
- Room for personal initiative
- An attractive working environment with friendly colleagues in an internationally networked organization and a committed, helpful team with a wide range of opportunities.

If you are interested, please send us an e-mail with your application documents (cover letter, curriculum vitae) as a single PDF by **May 11, 2026** to Artemis Alexiadou, alexiadou@leibniz-zas.de.)

The ZAS is certified for ensuring family-friendly working conditions by the audit workandfamily (berufundfamilie)". 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. We particularly welcome applications from people with disabilities.

In addition, the ZAS strives to implement the principles of Open Science.