

Student assistant for project *HybriX* in FB 2 & FB 3

The Leibniz-Centre General Linguistics (ZAS) is seeking a student assistant to support the research project “Contact-induced hybrid clause combining strategies (*HybriX*)” in research areas FB 2 “Language Development & Multilingualism” and FB 3 “Syntax & Lexicon” (19 hours per week; 14,84 €/h) starting on 01.05.2026. A minimum duration of 6 months is desired.

Job description

Our project *HybriX* investigates hybrid subordinate clauses that emerge in situations of language contact. These clauses blend two systems of clause combining, one system native to the language in which the hybrid subordinate clauses occur and the other adopted from another language. Hybrid subordinate clauses are of particular interest as they shed light on processes underlying contact-induced language change. A mechanism, which the project investigates, takes apart different systems of forming sentences and recombines them in several different ways. By mixing properties of different systems, this mechanism produces constructions which resemble each other and compete with one another, with the winners spreading in use and leading the change in language.

Your tasks

- Assistance with
 - Collecting textual material in Balkan Turkic (e.g. transcripts, narratives, stories, etc.)
 - Converting various file formats to TXT
 - Extracting subordinate clauses from the collected texts
 - Annotating subordinate clauses
 - Identifying hybrid subordinate clauses
 - Filtering out potentially erroneous data
- General auxiliary tasks, including assistance with the organization of conferences and workshops

Your profile

- Essential fields of study:
 - Linguistics with a focus on syntax
- Preferred:
 - Native speakers of Turkish
 - Familiarity with Turkic syntax
- Desired:
 - Familiarity with Balkan Turkic varieties (e.g. Gagauz; Turkish dialects of Bulgaria, Kosovo, and North Macedonia)

Formal requirements

- Enrolled as a Bachelor or Master student at a German university or at a foreign university with H+ status (searchable in the database anabin.kmk.org)
- Only for foreign students: German registration address, residence permit for Germany, tax ID, work permit and health insurance. For students from the EU, the work and residence permit is not required due to the free movement of workers for EU nationals.

If you are interested, please send us an e-mail with your application documents (cover letter, curriculum vitae, certificates and proof of academic degrees/grades; BA students are requested to send copies of their high school diploma) as a PDF (by 10.03.2026) to Cem Keskin (keskin@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.