

Data manager (50%), ERC project LeibnizDream

The Leibniz-Center General Linguistics (ZAS, www.leibniz-zas.de) invites applications for a two-year half-time position in the ERC research project LeibnizDream (www.leibnizdream.eu), PI Uli Sauerland starting January 1st, 2021 or soon thereafter. The regulations of German limited term contract law apply. For applicants who haven't worked at ZAS before the initial contract would be for 24 months, but may be extended until the end of 2026 in the case of outstanding accomplishments. Pay is at 50% of the E13 level of the German TVöD payscale.

Important data:

application deadline: September 15th, 2020

start date: January 1st, 2021 or soon thereafter

Requirements:

- strong experience in linguistic data management
- outstanding technology skills for research data management
- native or near-native German and English
- M.A. or Ph.D. degree in a relevant field

Desired assets:

- familiarity with linguistic theory and statistics
- proven ability of team work in large research projects
- commitment to open science

Duties:

You will lead the collection, anonymization, and publication of questionnaire, audio and video data gathered from about 50 different child languages by experts across the globe. You work closely with the project researchers to ensure data consistency and facilitate the analysis. We target six different areas of morpho-syntax/semantics, 1) the expression of causation and agency, and 2) of motion events, 3) the binary 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 (wh-questions, relative clauses, degree clauses).

The project aims for cultural diversity and gender balance of its staff. The project furthermore seeks to implement the principles of open science. ZAS is an equal opportunity employer.

Applications must be submitted via electronic mail and include the following four items (1, 2 and 3 in PDF format) to sauerland@leibniz-zas.de: 1) a letter of intent specifying research experience and plans; 2) the curriculum vitae; 3) electronic copies of up to two recent work products; and 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.

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