



PhD position, corpus and field research on Warlpiri (Pama-Nyungan)

Applications are invited to fill a PhD position in the research group “Non-hierarchicality in grammar. Construction formation without word class distinction across categories and languages” (Emmy Noether Group, DFG (German Research Foundation)) led by PI Dr. Uta Reinöhl at the Department of English and Linguistics of the University of Mainz (Germany).

The PhD candidate will work on the language Warlpiri (Pama-Nyungan, Australia). S/he will assist in making an existing corpus more tractable as well as conduct short field trips for answering targeted research questions. S/he will collaborate with the principal investigator and Prof. Jane Simpson (Australian National University) in studying complex nominal expressions in Warlpiri. S/he will conduct collaborative research together with other PhD candidates and the principal investigator on complex expressions combining elements of the same syntactic class, cross-linguistically and cross-categorially.

This PhD project is planned as a Cotutelle programme with dual enrolment at the University of Mainz and at the Australian National University (Canberra). The candidate will be employed at Mainz with regular visits to ANU.

The ideal candidate has:

- an MA degree (or an equivalent degree such as a BA (Hon) that allows for entering a doctoral programme) in linguistics or related fields by the end of February 2019
- research interests in one or more of the following sub-disciplines: typology, language documentation, syntax, information structure, Australian languages
- a keen interest in working on an indigenous Australian language
- a keen interest in conducting corpus-based linguistics as well as field trips
- social skills required for collaborative research with native speakers as well as within the research unit

Applications from severely disabled persons with equivalent qualifications will be given preference.

Further information on the research unit can be found here:

<http://gepris.dfg.de/gepris/projekt/406074683>

Planned starting date: March 1st 2019

Funding: E13 TV-L (65%) – Three years (with a possible extension to four years)

Application Deadline: December 10th 2018

All application documents (a letter of motivation, CV, course transcript, certificates of completed degrees, two examples of representative written work, two names of references) should be sent by email to uta.reinoehl@gmail.com by **December 10th 2018**. Any enquiries can be sent to the same address.