

PhD position in linguistics at the University of Cologne

Project description

The DFG (German Research Foundation) project 'Taking spoken language seriously' investigates the extent to which the characteristics of spoken language, as opposed to those of written language, are relevant in typological and theoretical research. One subproject explores transcription practices: How do transcripts produced by different transcribers differ? How consistent are transcribers? Alongside experiments on European languages, the focus of research is on Austronesian and Papuan languages, for which transcription practices will be investigated in the field. Further details (in German) can be found [here](#).

Tasks

Tasks include the completion of a PhD dissertation on transcription practices in linguistics. Working together with the project team - including providing administrative support - the PhD candidate will be responsible for the design and implementation of transcription experiments. If applicable, the candidate will have the opportunity to conduct fieldwork in Indonesia.

Profile

Required for this position is a successfully completed Master's degree in linguistics. Applicants should have experience in empirical investigations of spoken language, especially of non-European languages, encompassing topics such as transcription, prosodic phrasing, and working with spoken-language corpora. Candidates should be able to work well both independently and in a team, possess good time-management skills, and have a proven ability to compose clear and well-written scientific texts (e.g. in a Master's thesis).

Employment

The position is based at the University of Cologne on a part-time basis (65%; 25.89 hours/week), for a fixed term of three years from 01.10.2024 until 30.09.2027. If the necessary prerequisites required by tariff regulations as well as the required personal qualifications are met, the salary will correspond to pay grade 13 as specified in the German States' Tariff Agreement (TVL).

Application

Application is via the University of Cologne job portal (<https://jobportal.uni-koeln.de>; reference number is Wiss2406-25). The application deadline is 31st July 2024.

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