



Research assistant (f/m/x)

Department of Linguistics – Discourse Studies



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We are one of the largest and oldest universities in Europe and one of the most important employers in our region. Our broad range of subjects, the dynamic development of our main research areas and our central location in Cologne make us attractive for students and researchers from around the world. We offer a wide range of career opportunities in science, technology, and administration.

The Institute of Linguistics is characterized by a wide range of topics, combining comparative, diachronic and phonetic approaches to the study of natural language interaction, and is a leading participant in all linguistic collaborative research initiatives.

We offer a full-time position as a research assistant (f/m/x) in the area of discourse studies for a period of three years.

YOUR TASKS

- » You will contribute to the consolidation and expansion of the Discourse Studies research area in the Linguistics Department
- » You will carry out research that will advance current research into the multimodality of language use. We particularly welcome interest in spontaneous and/or professional storytelling, multimodal discourse segmentation, classical cognitive-linguistic topics such as metaphor, metonymy and blending and in the interface between syntax, prosody and pragmatics.
- » You will teach two courses per semester (4 semester hours)
- » You will contribute to the department initiatives and joint research project
- » You will elaborate and help elaborate research projects
- » You will mentor and supervise BA and MA students
- » You will carry out some administrative/organizational tasks

YOUR PROFILE

- » You hold a doctoral degree in linguistics or in a similar field with a focus on linguistic topics
- » You have high-profile publications and international research experience
- » You like to teach
- » You are a good teamplayer
- » You have experience in, or are happy to start, mentoring/supervising undergraduate students
- » You have an excellent command of spoken and written English
- » Knowledge of German is desirable

WE OFFER

- » A multi-faceted and stimulating research environment
- » A diverse working environment with equal opportunities
- » Support in balancing work and family life
- » Extensive advanced training opportunities
- » Occupational health management offers
- » Flexible working time models
- » Opportunity to work remotely

The University of Cologne promotes equal opportunities and diversity. Women will be considered preferentially in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz – LGG NRW). We also expressly welcome applications from all suitable candidates regardless of their gender, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation and identity.

The position is available from 01.03.2025 on a full-time basis (39,83 hours per week). It is limited for a fixed term until 29 February 2028. If the applicant meets the relevant wage requirements and personal qualifications, the salary is based on remuneration group 13 TV-L of the pay scale for the German public sector.

Please apply online with proof of the required qualifications without a photo under: <https://jobportal.uni-koeln.de>. The reference number is Wiss2410-18. The application deadline is 15.12.2024.

Applications (in English or German) should include a letter explaining the applicant's interests and suitability for the position, a research statement (max. 2 pages), a CV including publications, a 20/30-page writing sample, a copy of the doctoral degree certificate, and the names, affiliations, and e-mail addresses of three referees.

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