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## Postdoc Position (m/f/d) in the Digital Humanities

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The Faculty of Arts and Humanities at RWTH Aachen University is looking to fill a postdoc position in the field of Digital Humanities. The position is initially limited to three years (100% employment, pay scale TV-L13), and the projected starting date is March 2024. The successful candidate should have completed their doctoral degree (or will have completed it by the time of employment).

The position is based at the Institute of English, American and Romance Studies. However, tasks include research activities in the postdoc's own and collaborative projects, as well as the teaching of two courses each semester (3 instructional hours per week) in the humanities and social sciences (English Studies, Linguistics and Communication Studies, Political Science).

The focus of the required competencies, which are to be applied in research and teaching, is the compilation, evaluation, and interpretation of large text sets with the help of computational methods. The successful candidate will employ a variety of methods to process and analyse literary as well as non-literary corpora to pursue a wide range of research questions.

Mastery of quantitative methods such as text mining or stylometry is a prerequisite. A central task of this position, however, is to bring these methods into a fruitful exchange with qualitative methods, such as qualitative discourse- or content analysis (experience with qualitative methods is therefore considered an asset). In addition to these methodological competencies, the successful candidate must have a proven interest in questions of literary studies.

Furthermore, the successful candidate will teach students how to employ different tools from the Digital Humanities to pursue questions specific to the field, as well as how to critically evaluate these tools' capacities and limitations. They should collaborate with practitioners of other quantitative and qualitative methods in developing the interdisciplinary teaching of methods and methodology at the faculty.

Please send applications with curriculum vitae, list of publications and lectures held in a PDF file to Prof. Dr. Ralf Schneider (ralf.schneider@ifaar.rwth-aachen.de) **by 15 December**, **2023**.