

Language Acquisition; Semantics; Syntax: Post Doc position (100%), Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany

University: Goethe University Frankfurt

Department: Linguistics and modern languages

Job Location: Frankfurt, Germany

Web Address: http://www.uni-frankfurt.de/fb/fb10/inst_psychling/DaZ/index.html

Job Rank: Postdoctoral Researcher

Specialty Areas: **Language Acquisition; Semantics; Syntax**

Goethe University of Frankfurt, Institute of Psycholinguistics and Didactics of German, offers a full-time post-doc research position (100% TV-G-U E13) within the project

“Child acquisition of (non)restrictive relative clauses in German” (CARU)

PI: Prof. Dr. Petra Schulz.

The project is part of the research group "Relative clauses", funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) and currently consisting of eight projects that investigate relative clauses from different perspectives. For more information visit:

<http://www.fg1783.uni-frankfurt.de/index.htm>.

Applications should be submitted by January 4, 2013. Interviews will be held in the second half of January. The desired starting date is March 1, 2013, or before and the position is initially limited until September 30, 2014. Depending on evaluation results, the project can be extended for three more years.

In CARU we investigate the acquisition of central semantic and syntactic properties of relative clauses in German speaking children by studying children’s production and comprehension abilities across different experimental tasks. The successful applicant is responsible for the further development and implementation of psycholinguistic offline-methods suitable for monolingual children aged 3 to 7 years, and statistical data analysis, as well as international presentation and publication of results. The candidate is expected to work closely with team members and to collaborate with other projects in the research group.

Candidates should have an advanced degree (PhD., M.A., Diploma) in the field of linguistics or a related discipline and have proven ability to carry out excellent scientific work. We seek candidates with the following qualifications:

- Outstanding degree in general linguistics, Germanic linguistics, psycholinguistics, theoretical linguistics, psychology, or a related field
- Team spirit, flexibility, and organizational experience and skills
- Ability to communicate effectively with team members and colleagues as well as with participating day care institutions
- Familiarity with quantitative experimental research methods
- Extensive knowledge in at least one of the following areas: semantics, syntax, language acquisition, experience with statistical evaluation programs

Candidates without working knowledge of German are expected to learn German within the first year of employment.

Candidates who are interested in a half time position will also be considered; if suitable candidates apply, the position can be split.

Applications, preferably via E-mail, should be sent to the address below and should include a cover letter, CV, list of potential referees, degree copies and transcripts if available (all as a single pdf document), and 1 – 3 publications that are representative for your research.

For further information please contact Prof. Dr. Petra Schulz (P.Schulz@em.uni-frankfurt.de).

Application Deadline: 04-Jan-2013

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