

Job Rank: Post Doc; TdöV 13, 100%

Specialty Areas: Language Documentation; Typology; Text/Corpus Linguistics; Language archiving

The Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (ZAS) invites applications for one PostDocs position. The deadline for applications is July 1, 2020.

The position is part of the collaborative project "QUEST: Quality – Established. Testing and applying curation criteria and quality standards for audiovisual, annotated linguistic data". (see <https://cutt.ly/quest>). The QUEST project develops – in consultation with the research community - quality standards and curation criteria for annotated, audiovisual linguistic data and develops and tests quality control procedures for the creation and curation of such resources. QUEST focuses on digital research data collected through language documentation and through research on multilingualism, but aims to develop more widely applicable standards. QUEST will improve existing data sets and future data collection procedures in terms of reproducibility of research results and long-term accessibility and reusability, also for wider scientific and non-scientific uses.

QUEST is carried out by a consortium of four German research institutions, in collaboration with international partners. The applicant will contribute to the subproject "AP 2.1 Kurationskriterien für sprachtypologische Sekundärnutzung" carried out at the Leibniz-ZAS Berlin. Responsibilities include the development of criteria for the curation of language documentation data for cross-linguistic research, in particular annotated texts stemming from fieldwork on small, often endangered languages, typically in ELAN format. The aim of this subproject is to develop and establish a label for annotated spoken corpora that certifies their usability for cross-linguistic corpus research, allowing for the application of quantitative methods. Another aim of the project at the Leibniz-ZAS Berlin in Berlin is to develop and carry out exemplary cross-linguistic studies using QUEST data in collaboration with project partners. The successful candidate will take over from the current state of the project, in which documentations of individual corpora are being prepared.

Within ZAS, the applicant will collaborate with the DoReCo project (<http://www.leibniz-zas.de/doreco.html>). Within the QUEST consortium, the applicant will collaborate with the QUEST project partner projects in Hamburg, Cologne, and Mannheim (see <https://cutt.ly/quest>).

We are looking for a person with experience in language documentation, corpus building, language archiving, and in language typology and linguistic theory. A working knowledge of German is a plus.

The PostDoc position commences on October 1, 2020, with a fixed term until April 30, 2022. Please apply via Email until July 1, 2020, with one single pdf file, subject "QUEST application", to both Frank Seifart (seifart@leibniz-zas.de) and Manfred Krifka (krifka@leibniz-zas.de).

Your application should contain:

- A cover letter that states in particular the nature of your interest in the project and your expertise that you would contribute
- Your CV with a list of your publications,
- The names and e-mail addresses of two persons that would provide a reference if so asked.

ZAS is an equal opportunity employer.

Application Deadline: July 1, 2020 (Open until filled)

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