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Saarland University is a campus university that is internationally recognized for its strong research programmes. Fostering young academic talent and creating ideal conditions for teaching and research are a core part of the university's mission. As part of the University of the Greater Region, Saarland University enables students and staff to share and exchange knowledge and ideas between disciplines, between universities and across borders. With over 17,000 national and international students, studying more than a hundred different academic disciplines, Saarland University is a diverse and dynamic learning environment. Saarland University is officially recognized as one of Germany's family-friendly higher-education institutions and with a combined workforce of more than 4,000 it is one of the largest employers in the region.

The Käte Hamburger Research Centre for Cultural Practices of Reparation (CURE) is inviting applications for the following three positions: research programme directors (m/f/x), to begin 1 April 2024.

Academic research assistant (m/f/x)

Reference number W2362, salary in accordance with the German TV-L salary scale¹, pay grade: E13 TV- L, duration of employment: initially limited to 4 years with the possibility of a permanent contract thereafter, volume of employment: 100 % of standard working time.

Workplace/Department:

In April 2024, the newly founded Käte Hamburger Research Centre for Cultural Practices of Reparation (CURE) will begin its work at Saarland University. The centre is a thematically focused institute for advanced study funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). The central pillar of the Käte Hamburger Research Centre is its visiting scholars programme, which will bring up to 12 international scholars to Saarland University each year as fellows. Working together with the centre's academic directors and academic staff, the fellows will study how

¹ TV-L = collective agreement on remuneration of public sector employees in the German *Länder*

The pay grade assigned to an employee depends on their professional qualifications and the number of years of service. Each pay grade is further subdivided into levels. Entry-level employees with no previous experience will initially be assigned a level 1 rating. After one year at level 1 of the E10 pay grade, an employee will move up to level 2. After a further two years, the employee will move to level 3, etc.

reparations are culturally negotiated and how cultural processes of reparation change perceptions of the world, designs of the self, and ways of living. The goal of the centre is to develop a transmedial theory of practices and processes of cultural reparation from a historical and transcultural perspective, thus helping to formulate a sociopolitical understanding of cultural reparations as a field of action. Our focus will be on memory cultures and historical-political discourses; individual experiences of harm, humiliation, and loss; and cultural-ecological questions. We are seeking to hire three research programme directors—one for each of the centre’s three thematic fields of ‘history’, ‘experience’, and ‘nature’.

Job requirements and responsibilities:

- Independently design and lead a thematic research programme
- Conceptualize and realize the centre’s research in close cooperation with the academic directors and other thematic research fields
- Independently plan and execute academic events in an international context (working groups, workshops, conferences)
- Actively contribute to participatory transfer measures as part of the centre’s third mission activities
- Conduct an independent research project in one of the three relevant thematic fields

Your academic qualifications:

- Completed university studies in state examination (Staatsexamen), diploma (Diplom), Magister, or master’s degree or an internationally comparable degree in a discipline relevant to the centre’s research
- very good completed doctorate
- Language skills (according to GER): very good English and/or French

The successful candidate will also be expected to:

- Work independently, with a meticulous and well-organized approach
- Show enthusiasm and capability for interdisciplinary cooperation
- Have a track record in conceptualizing and executing international academic events
- Demonstrate expertise in gender and diversity matters
- Be willing to travel
- Employ interdisciplinary and collaborative expertise and communication skills
- Excel in both written and spoken communication
- Language skills (according to CEFR): in addition to English and/or French (working languages of the center), a good knowledge of German is desirable.

What we can offer you:

- A flexible work schedule allowing you to balance work and family, among other things the possibility of teleworking
- Secure and future-oriented employment with attractive conditions
- A broad range of further education and professional development programmes (for example language courses)
- An occupational health management model with numerous attractive options, such as our university sports programme
- Supplementary pension scheme (RZVK)
- Discounted tickets on local public transport services (‘Job-Ticket Plus’ of the saarVV)

We look forward to receiving **your meaningful online application** (in a PDF file) by **31 October 2023** to khk@uni-saarland.de. Please include the reference number **W2362** in the subject line of your e-mail. The following documents should be enclosed with your application: a letter of motivation specifying the thematic research area to which you are applying, including a concise proposal outlining the programme design for the thematic research field (max. 2 pages); a tabular curriculum vitae, list of publications, and proof of relevant degrees; and an exposé detailing the independent research project on cultural practices of reparation that you intend to undertake as part of your work at the centre (max. 5 pages).

For questions about the centre's **research programme**, please contact one of its academic directors: Prof. Dr Markus Messling (markus.messling@uni-saarland.de) or Prof. Dr Christiane Solte-Gresser (solte@mx.uni-saarland.de).

For **administrative questions**, please contact: khk@uni-saarland.de.

Pay grade classification is based on the particular details of the position held and the extent to which the applicant meets the requirements of the pay grade within the TV-L salary scale. Part-time employment is generally possible.

If you have obtained a foreign university degree, a proof of the equivalence of this degree with a German degree by the Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen (ZAB) is needed before hiring. If necessary, please apply for this in time. You can find more information at <https://www.kmk.org/zeugnisbewertung>.

Unfortunately, neither costs for attending an interview at Saarland University nor costs for any certificate evaluation by the ZAB can be reimbursed in principle.

We welcome applications regardless of gender, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion/belief, disability, age, and sexual orientation and identity. In accordance with its policy of increasing the proportion of women, the University actively encourages applications from women. Applications from severely disabled persons will be given preferential consideration in the event of equal suitability.

When you submit a job application to Saarland University you will be transmitting personal data. [Please refer to our privacy notice for information on how we collect and process personal data in accordance with Art. 13 of the Datenschutz-Grundverordnung](#). By submitting your application you confirm that you have taken note of the information in the Saarland University privacy notice.