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Saarland University is a campus university with an international reputation for research excellence, particularly in computer science and in the life sciences and nanosciences. The university is also distinguished by its close ties to France and its strong European focus. Around 17,000 students, studying over one hundred different academic disciplines, are currently enrolled at Saarland University. Saarland University is officially recognized as one of Germany's family-friendly higher-education institutions and with a combined workforce of more than 4000 it is one of the largest employers in the region.

The Department of Philosophy is inviting applications for the following position commencing **as soon as possible**

Academic research assistant (m/f/x)

Reference number W1831, salary in accordance with the German TV-L salary scale¹, pay grade E13 TV-L: employment period: until 31.03.2024, employment: 65 % of standard working time.

Workplace/Department:

Department of Philosophy, Project "Explainable Intelligent Systems (EIS)"

Job requirements and responsibilities:

- seeking academic qualification in the context of EIS (e.g. by conducting a PhD project)
- working collaboratively with members of the interdisciplinary EIS project
- supporting the junior professor for Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Systems in organization and administration

You will be granted individual supervision for your PhD project. As member of the EIS team, you will be expected to engage in collaborative work with empirical researchers (e.g. from psychology, computer science, and law). You will have the opportunity to further develop your personal academic profile. The campus wide Graduate Program GradUS offers various individual qualification measures and networking opportunities for PhD students at Saarland University.

Your academic qualifications:

- Completed scientific university studies in philosophy or an adjacent discipline (e.g. cognitive science, psychology, computer science)

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

The successful candidate will also be expected to:

- be fluent in written and spoken English and German;
- be trained in analytical philosophy, or to provide evidence of relevant analytic philosophy competence;
- be highly interested in working at the intersection of philosophy, especially philosophy of science, and other disciplines relevant to EIS such as computer science, ethics, psychology, and law;
- pursue a PhD project that falls within the core research of EIS, e.g. by working on explainability, causation, reasoning, or models;
- have a concrete outline of their project or a first draft (approx. 2 pages) based on which you aim to develop your project;
- enjoy working in teams and developing collaborative projects in a highly interdisciplinary environment;
- to be willing to present your work internationally and represent the EIS project at national and international events.

What we can offer you:

- A flexible work schedule allowing you to balance work and family
- A broad range of further education and professional development programmes
- 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 ('Jobticket')

We are happy to receive your (written) application under **Reference Number W1831 by March 07th 2021**. It should include your project outline, CV, certificates, the name of two reviewers and a writing sample (max. 20 pages, e.g. an essay, a paper, part of the master thesis, etc.). Please submit your application – **preferably digital, in a single .pdf file** – to:

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Application documents will not be returned. Please only submit copies of your documents and do not use plastic wallets, folders, ring binders, etc.

In accordance with the objectives of its equal opportunities plan, Saarland University seeks to increase the proportion of women in this field. Qualified women candidates are therefore strongly encouraged to apply. Preferential consideration will be given to applications from disabled candidates of equal eligibility.

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.

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.