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 Chair of Legal Informatics is inviting applications for the following position commencing at the earliest opportunity.

**Academic research assistant (m/f/x)**

*Reference number W1877*, salary in accordance with the German TV-L salary scale¹, pay grade: E13, employment: 100 % of standard working time.

**Workplace/Department:**
You will work in the interdisciplinary team of the Chair of Legal Informatics. As a chair of informatics within the Faculty of Law it is unique in Germany. Our team of computer scientists and jurists is working on numerous research projects concerning technical and legal data protection as well as application-related questions of IT security. We highly value both excellent research in the respective discipline as well as the interdisciplinary nature of our projects. Therefore, we maintain close cooperation with other research institutes, companies, government agencies, and law enforcement authorities.

The position is initially limited until 31.12.2022. An extension of the position is being pursued.

**Job requirements and responsibilities:**
- Participation in (third-party funded) research projects, especially in the area of technical data protection and/or IT security (e.g., research on anonymization and pseudonymization methods, privacy by design, data protection in wearables and in smart homes) or in the area of machine learning applications (e.g., privacy-preserving machine learning, NLP)
- Interdisciplinary linking of technical research results through regular exchange with the jurists in the working group
- You have the opportunity for scientific publications as well as for further qualification (PhD, LL.M. Information Technology and Law)

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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.
Your academic qualifications:
- Completed university studies in computer science or a related field of study (e.g., cybersecurity, data science, business informatics)

The successful candidate will also be expected to:
- Prior knowledge of IT security (e.g. cryptography) and/or technical data protection (would be of advantage)
- Prior knowledge in the area of machine learning (would be of advantage)
- Be interested in scientific work
- Be able to work in a team
- Have good knowledge of English and at least the readiness to acquire basic German skills

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 look forward to receiving your application. Please quote reference number W1877 when applying. Applications must be received by no later than 28 February 2022 and should be sent to the following e-mail address: christoph.sorge@uni-saarland.de

If you have any questions, please contact us for assistance. Your contact:
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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. The successful candidate has the option of choosing to work part-time in this position.

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.