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 Language Science and Technology is inviting applications for the following position commencing at the earliest opportunity.

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

**Reference number W2198**, salary in accordance with the German TV-L salary scale\(^1\), pay grade: E13 TV- L, duration of employment: three years, with the possibility of renewal for up to three additional years, volume of employment: 100 % of standard working time.

**Workplace/Department:**
Psycholinguistics / Department of Language Science and Technology

**Job requirements and responsibilities:**
- Research and Teaching in psycholinguistics, with a focus on computational and mathematical modelling of human language processing.
- The position carries a teaching load of 4 hours per week in the BA Language Science (Ger), BSc Computational Linguistics (Ger), MSc Language Science and Technology (Eng), and/or MSc Language and Communication Technology (Eng).
- You should have expertise in computational cognitive modeling of linguistic processes, including wide-coverage language models, as reflected by high-quality publications. Experience with corpus-based and/or experimental research methods is also desired.
- You are expected to contribute actively to the teaching, research, supervision, and administrative activities of the department.

**Your academic qualifications:**
- Doctoral degree / PhD in Psycholinguistics, Cognitive Science, Psychology, Linguistics or a related discipline.
- Language skills Spoken and written proficiency in English is required. The ability to teach and carry out psycholinguistic experiments in German is desirable.

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\(^1\) TV-L = collective agreement on remuneration of public sector employees in the German Länder
The successful candidate will also be expected to:

- Contribute to our ongoing projects investigating rational, information theoretic explanations of human language comprehension and production.
- Work both independently and collaboratively, and contribute to the timely dissemination and publication of research at established conferences and international journals.
- Candidates also have the possibility to pursue a habilitation qualification.

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 include a single PDF with the following information:

- a statement of research interests that motivates why you are applying for this position and outlines your research agenda
- a full CV including your list of publications
- scans of transcripts and academic degree certificates
- the names, affiliations, and e-mail addresses of two people who can provide letters of reference for you by 06.01.2023 to crocker@lst.uni-saarland.de. Please include the reference number W2198 in the subject line of the e-mail.

If you have any questions, please contact us for assistance. Your contact:
Herr Prof Dr Matthew Crocker
Language Science & Technology
Tel.: +49 681 302 6560

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.