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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 RTG Neuroexplicit Models is inviting applications for the following position commencing at the earliest opportunity.

Academic research assistant (m/f/x)

Reference number W2779 salary in accordance with the German TV-L salary scale¹, pay grade: E13 TV- L, duration of employment: 2 years, volume of employment: 100 % of standard working time.

Workplace/Department:

The RTG "Neuroexplicit Models of Language, Vision, and Action" develops novel models that combine neural and human-interpretable ("explicit") components to accurately solve tasks in natural language processing, computer vision, and action-decision making. We aim to improve the state of the art through the use of neuroexplicit models and investigate general machine learning design principles for effective neuroexplicit models.

The RTG currently funds 24 PhD students and one postdoc, who form a tight-knit, highly international, and interdisciplinary research group. They are integrated into five world-class research institutions across the Saarland University campus. We aim to further strengthen this group by filling a further postdoc position with an excellent young researcher who will pursue their own research agenda in the area of neuroexplicit models and collaborate intensively with the PhD students, ideally across research area boundaries.

For more information, see <https://www.neuroexplicit.org/>

Job requirements and responsibilities:

- Your job will be to carry out research with international impact within and across the fields of natural language processing ("Language"), computer vision ("Vision"), planning or reinforcement learning ("Action"), and machine

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.

learning ("Foundations"). You will set your own research agenda in the area of neuroexplicit models and collaborate intensively with the PhD students and PIs in the RTG.

Your academic qualifications:

- Doctoral degree / PhD in Computer Sciences or a related discipline
- Language skills (according to GER): English C1

The successful candidate will also be expected to:

- Have demonstrated expertise in one or more of the research fields of the RTG through publications in the top international venues of their field.
- Propose a research agenda with the potential for international impact, ideally cutting across the research areas of the RTG.
- Exhibit strong social skills.

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' of the saarVV)
- Job bike leasing (JobRad)

We look forward to receiving your **meaningful online application** (in a PDF file *) by **27.02.2026** to **apply@neuroexplicit.org**. Please include the reference number **W2779** in the subject line of the e-mail.

- A CV that describes your education and work history, any particular achievements, and your publications (if any).
- Transcripts of your academic degrees and, if possible, a copy of your MSc and PhD diploma.
- A research proposal (1-2 pages) that outlines your research interests with respect to the topic of the RTG.
- Names and e-mail addresses of two academic references.

If you have any **questions**, please contact us for assistance. Your contact:

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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.