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 Department of Cognitive and Experimental Psychology is inviting applications for the following position commencing in spring 2020 (march or april)

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

**Reference number 1658**, salary in accordance with the German TV-L salary scale¹, pay grade: E13 TV-L, 3 years, employment: 65 % of standard working time.

**Workplace/Department:**

- The successful applicant will work in a project funded by DFG examining under which conditions fast and automatic reactions are influenced by the social message communicated by an emotional expression (e.g., threat signalled by an anger expression). The focus will be on factors influencing the social relationship between expresser and perceiver of the emotion (e.g., power, ethnicity). Therefore, the project is located at the intersection between the fields of cognitive, social, and emotional psychology. The research question will be examined with experimental and psychophysiological methods. The work group has high expertise with these methods. The applicant will work in close collaboration with Prof. Dirk Wentura and Dr. Andrea Paulus.

**Job requirements and responsibilities:**

- Conduct research related to the topic of the project (e.g., literature research, designing and analyzing experiments) with the goal of completing a PhD
- Publication of project results and finding

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¹ TV-L = collective agreement on remuneration of public sector employees in the German Länder
• Presentation of results at national and international conferences
• Supervision of student research assistants

Your academic qualifications:
• Completed university studies in Psychology (M.Sc)

The successful candidate will also be expected to:
• Have a strong interest in research questions from the field of emotional psychology and social cognition
• Have a strong interest in experimental research
• Have very good knowledge of research methods
• Have excellent command of English (knowledge of German not mandatory)

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 written application. Please quote reference number 1658 when applying. Applications must be received by no later than 15 February 2020 and should be sent by email to the following address: wentura@mx.uni-saarland.de.

If you have any questions, please contact us for assistance. Your contact:
Herr Prof. Dr. Dirk Wentura
wentura@mx.uni-saarland.de
Tel.: 0681-3024642

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.

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