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 Language Science and Technology is inviting applications for the following position commencing as soon as possible

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

**Reference number W1661**, salary in accordance with the German TV-L salary scale¹, pay grade: E13 TV-L, employment: March 2020 (or later), 3 years with possibility of renewal of contract, 100 % of standard working time (Post-Doc) / 75% of standard working time (PhD student)

**Workplace/Department:**
Computational Linguistics / Dept. of Language Science and Technology

**Job requirements and responsibilities:**
- The position will be part of a research group with the following topics of interest: semantic and syntactic parsing; dialogue; natural language generation; semantics-based question answering, and more.
- The position comes with a teaching load of four hours per week in the BSc Computational Linguistics (German), the MSc Language Science and Technology (English), or the ERASMUS MUNDUS MSc Language and Communication Technologies (English).
- Current projects with third-party funding concern semantic parsing with a combination of compositional and neural methods (we currently hold the state of the art across multiple graphbanks); the induction of world knowledge from corpora; and interactive natural language generation in Minecraft. A willingness and ability to contribute to these projects would be a plus.
- The opportunity for own scientific further education is given.

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¹ TV-L = collective agreement on remuneration of public sector employees in the German Länder
Your academic qualifications:
A successful candidate should hold, or be about to complete, a PhD in computational linguistics, computer science, or a related discipline. - The position could theoretically also be filled with a PhD student. In this case, the requirement is an MSc in computational linguistics, computer science, or a related discipline.

The successful candidate will also be expected to:
• The applicant must be proficient in English (spoken and written) and
• should have demonstrated an expertise in a relevant area of research through high-quality publications.

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 in one single pdf-file containing the following information:

- a statement of research interests that motivates why you are applying for this position and what your research plans are;
- 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.

Please quote reference number W1661 when applying. Applications in electronic form (.pdf) must be received no later than 31 January 2020 and should be sent to: sek-ak@coli.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.

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