



# Universität Potsdam

## Public Job Advertisement

Young, modern, research oriented... Founded in 1991, the University of Potsdam has firmly established itself within the scientific landscape. Nationally and internationally renowned scientists research and teach here at the largest university in Brandenburg. The University of Potsdam is successful in acquiring third-party funds, it demonstrates outstanding performance in technology and knowledge transfer, and it has a very service-oriented administration. Around 20,000 young people study at five faculties located within the university's three campuses (Am Neuen Palais, Griebnitzsee and Golm). The University of Potsdam has a total of about 2,650 faculty and staff members and is an academic institution set in one of the most scenic surroundings in Germany.

The **University of Potsdam, Faculty of Human Sciences, Research Focus in Cognitive Sciences, Research Unit „Crossing the Borders: The Interplay of Language, Cognition, and the Brain in Early Human Development“** funded by the **DFG (FOR 2253)** invites applications for the following

### **4 Positions as Academic Staff Members (PhD student or PostDoc) Requisition No.: 172/2014**

If possible, employment should begin by 15.10.2015. The position is for 26 hours of work per week. The Salary Scale is 65% TV-L E13 (Area east). Contracts are time-limited according to § 2 Abs. 1 Academic Fixed-Term Contract Law (WissZeitVG). Appointments are made for a period of 3 years.

The Research Unit „Crossing the Borders: The Interplay of Language, Cognition, and the Brain in Early Human Development“ aims at investigating the interactions of language, cognition, social cognition, and their neuro-cognitive underpinnings in child development during the first years of life. Each project will cover one specific research topic in this field. All projects follow an interdisciplinary approach combining research perspectives from linguistics and psychology. More detailed descriptions of the single projects are available here:

<http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/babylab/positions>

Scientists from (neuro-)linguistics and developmental psychology from different universities and research centers across Germany work together in this Research Unit. Holders of the 4 positions advertised here will work at the University of Potsdam (supervised by Prof. Dr. Barbara Höhle, Prof. Dr. Isabell Wartenburger, and/or Prof.

Dr. Birgit Elsner). The Research Group offers highly attractive conditions for conducting a PhD-project by providing interdisciplinary supervisory teams, additional mentoring by international experts, and funds for travelling and research.

**Requirements:**

- Excellent University Degree in Linguistics, Psychology or related fields (Diploma, M.Sc., PhD)
- Interest in the research topic
- Desirable: Experience with the application of neuro-cognitive methods like EEG, NIRS or eye-tracking to young children, and/or research experience, very good knowledge and skills in statistics
- Very good knowledge of English, good German language skills or willingness to acquire German

The University of Potsdam strives to increase the proportion of women in research and teaching and specifically encourages female applicants to apply for this position. Handicapped applicants will be given preference in case of equal suitability. People with an immigration background are specifically encouraged to apply.

**Applications should include the following documents: full CV with a list of publications and presentations, motivation letter with research statement, copies of diplomas or certificates, a statement (and if applicable a ranking) about the preferred research project(s), and the names and e-mail addresses of two academics who are willing to provide reference letters. Applications (in English or German) should be sent until 16.08.2015 as a single pdf-file to [crossing@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:crossing@uni-potsdam.de)**

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