



Job Announcement

The Department of the Arts and Humanities of the University of Cologne is currently seeking to fill the position of a

PhD Position (m/f/d)

in the Collaborative Research Centre 1252 „Prominence in Language“, subproject B05 “Prominence-related structures in symmetrical voice systems and Papuan languages” from **April 01, 2021**. The position is initially available for one year, with a **potential extension for up to 3.75 years in total**, i.e. until December 31, 2024 (65%, 25.89 hours/week). Salary is determined following the salary scale E 13 according to German TVL.

The central focus of the project are prominence relations in western Austronesian symmetrical voice languages and in Papuan languages, both on the level of morphosyntax and in discourse. The PhD project may involve a typological survey investigating the extent of the variability of Differential Argument Marking (DAM) patterns in western Austronesian languages, especially Totoli and Tagalog. Alternatively, it may pertain to DAM in Papuan languages. The successful candidate will also help with corpus building and conduct detailed qualitative and quantitative corpus-based analyses. Depending on the candidate’s interests, the position also offers opportunities for linguistic fieldwork.

For more information please visit: www.sfb1252.uni-koeln.de

Your tasks

- Conduct a typological study of Differential Argument Marking in western Austronesian or Papuan languages
- Conduct corpus-based research on DAM and discourse structures in Totoli (Austronesian) and Yali, Eipo, and Yali (Papuan, TNG)
- Provide scientific and administrative support for the project team
- Option to conduct own field research in Indonesia

Your profile

- Master’s degree in linguistics (or related field)
- Strong academic interests in grammar, discourse, and linguistic diversity
- Good (English) writing skills
- Good organization skills and ability to work independently

- Good communication skills and ability to work as part of a team
- Good knowledge of English and German (or willingness to learn German)
- Knowledge of Indonesian (or willingness to learn Indonesian) is advantageous

Formal requirements

- You have earned a university degree.

The University of Cologne is an equal opportunities employer. Applications from women are especially encouraged. Handicapped candidates will be given priority in case of equal professional qualification.

In addition to the usual documents (a cover letter describing the applicant's qualifications and motivation for applying for this position, CV and copies of the relevant university degree(s) including transcripts), please send your Master's thesis, or, if this is not yet completed, two preliminary chapters of your thesis, and two representative term papers. Please do not include a photo in your application.

Please send all documents as a single PDF to:

application-sfb1252@uni-koeln.de

Closing date is January 31, 2021.

For questions, please contact:

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