

Doctoral position in project B04 (PLs: García García/Caro Reina)

Project B04 “Interaction of nominal and verbal features for Differential Object Marking” of the Collaborative Research Centre 1252 “Prominence in Language” seeks to fill a doctoral position (part time, 65%, 25.89 hours/week) from April 01, 2025 until December 31, 2028. If the necessary prerequisites required by tariff regulations as well as the required personal qualifications are met, the salary will correspond to the pay grade 13 as specified in the States’ Tariff Agreement (TVL).

The Cologne-based Collaborative Research Centre 1252 “Prominence in Language” is a dynamic research environment with 20 projects in linguistics and related fields. Project B04 “Interaction of nominal and verbal features for Differential Object Marking” views Differential Object Marking (DOM) as the result of a complex interaction between nominal features, verbal features, and discourse structure. Following on from the results of phase II, we will investigate (1) specific (sub)classes of the referentiality hierarchy such as definite NPs involving functional and sortal nouns in Old Spanish as well as bare nouns in modern Spanish; (2) the interaction of DOM and clitic doubling of the direct object –that is, Differential Object Indexing (DOI)– in Argentinian and Peruvian Spanish as well as Istanbul Judeo-Spanish; and (3) the dependency of null objects from prominence management in discourse in Argentinian and Basque Spanish.

Your tasks

- You will collect and statistically analyze data on Differential Object Marking in Spanish from different corpora.
- You will prepare, conduct, and statistically analyze elicitation experiments on Differential Object Marking in Spanish.
- You will present your results at international conferences and make them available to the research community.

Your profile

- You are capable of working in a team and working at the interface to related projects.
- You are capable of quickly adapting to new research topics.
- Prerequisites are excellent Spanish and fluent English. Good German language skills are an advantage.
- You should have an efficient and above-averagely well-organized and results-oriented working style.

Formal requirements

- University degree (Master) in linguistics or related fields

The University of Cologne promotes equal opportunities and diversity. Women will be considered preferentially in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz – LGG NRW). We also expressly welcome applications from all suitable candidates regardless of their gender, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation and identity.

Please specify the position(s)/project(s) you are applying for and submit a cover letter describing your qualifications and motivation for applying for this position, CV and copies of the relevant university degree(s) including transcripts as well as your Master's thesis. In case your Master's thesis has not yet been completed, please provide two to three preliminary chapters of the Master's thesis if possible, as well as two representative samples of your writing, e.g. term papers.

Please apply online with proof of the required qualifications without photo under: <https://jobportal.uni-koeln.de>. The reference number is **Wiss2412-04**.

The application deadline is January 17, 2025.

For further inquiries, please contact Dr. Christine Röhr (applicationsfb1252@uni-koeln.de).