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The SignLab of the German Department at the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen is looking to fill the position of a

Research Assistant (f/m/d)

with 65% of the regular working hours (currently 25.9 hours per week) and a limited contract of 3 years. This position should be filled by March 1, 2026 if possible. Salary: Pay grade 13 TV-L.

Your duties

- Collaboration on the DFG project “Lexical(ized) demonstrations in spoken and sign languages.” The project is part of the second phase of the DFG Priority Program 2392 “Visual communication (ViCom)” (vicom.info);
- Collection of new data and creation of an open-access database on lexicalized demonstrations in German Sign Language (DGS);
- Development and implementation of experimental studies on lexicalized demonstrations in German Sign Language (DGS);
- Collaborating with other project members on the development of a new cross-modal semantic theory of lexicalized demonstrations in spoken and sign languages.
- Collaborating with other project members on the development of grammatical descriptions and didactic materials on lexicalized demonstrations in spoken and sign languages.

Your profile

- A completed university degree (MA) in linguistics or a comparable subject with a focus on sign language linguistics, as well as an above-average master’s thesis on a relevant topic;
- Very good knowledge of German Sign Language;
- Good connections within the German deaf community;
- Familiarity with key aspects of participatory research, empirical and theoretical linguistics, corpus linguistics, and experimental methods.

This post is designed to serve in fostering young researchers and scientists and give the successful applicant the opportunity to pursue a doctoral degree.

The University of Göttingen is an equal opportunities employer and places particular emphasis on fostering career opportunities for women. Qualified women are therefore strongly encouraged to apply in fields in which they are underrepresented. The university has committed itself to being a family-friendly institution and supports their employees in balancing work and family life. The mission of the University is to employ a greater number of severely disabled persons. Applications from severely disabled persons with equivalent qualifications will be given preference.

The above project consists of two closely cooperating subprojects on spoken and sign languages, with one position to be filled at each of the following universities: Göttingen (sign languages, PI Prof. Dr. Markus Steinbach) and Frankfurt am Main (spoken languages, PI Dr. Kathryn Barnes). Applicants who are interested in both subprojects are therefore expressly requested to apply for both positions. The position to be filled at the University of Frankfurt am Main will be published on its website. If you have any questions about this position, please contact **Dr. Kathryn Barnes** at barnes@lingua.uni-frankfurt.de.

Please send your application with the usual documents (also in electronic form) by **December 16, 2025** to **Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Seminar für Deutsche Philologie, Abteilung Germanistische Linguistik, Käte-Hamburger-Weg 3, 37073 Göttingen**.

If you have any questions, please contact Prof. Dr. Markus Steinbach, E-Mail: markus.steinbach@phil.uni-goettingen.de

Please note:

With submission of your application, you accept the processing of your applicant data in terms of data-protection law. Further information on the legal basis and data usage is provided in the Hinweisblatt zur Datenschutzgrundverordnung (DSGVO) <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/hinweisdservo>