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Doctoral Research Assistants (50 %) or Postdoctoral Research Assistants (100 %) in World Englishes and Learner Corpus Research

The successful candidate will work under the supervision of Professor Robert Fuchs (English Linguistics) and will join a vibrant working group focused on research in the fields of data-intensive discourse analysis, varieties of English, and Learner Corpus Research (see www.iaak.uni-bonn.de/bael/ and https://sites.google.com/view/rflinguistics/). Ongoing research projects focus on discourse on social media and print media (e.g. health communication, climate change discourse), Young German Learner English, and syntactic and phonetic variation in World Englishes. In future, we are planning to further strengthen our research at the crossroads of linguistics and data science.

We offer flexible working time organization, a supportive research environment and the opportunity for professional growth through skills development in cutting-edge research methods in linguistics and data science.

Your tasks:

- Preparation of a doctoral degree (PhD) or ‘Habilitation’
- Independent research under the guidance of the working group lead
- Support for research and teaching in the working group
- Teaching classes of 2 SWS resp. 4 SWS (90/180 minutes) per week at the undergraduate level (e.g. tutorials or seminars in the area of Data Science and Linguistics and in introductory linguistics classes)

Your profile:

- University degree (Master’s) in English linguistics or a related subject and if applicable doctoral degree
- Excellent command of English
- Excellent academic writing skills in English
- Willingness to learn German or previous knowledge of German
- Experience in the area of linguistics and data science
- Experience in any of the following areas is desirable: corpus linguistics, Learner Corpus Research, World Englishes, acoustic phonetics and the statistical analysis of language data (esp. with R and/or Python)

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- An engaging and inspiring work environment with one of the biggest employers in the areas in an international, interdisciplinary research environment
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If you are interested in this position, please send your complete application documents (i.e. a cover letter outlining the applicant's qualifications and interest in the position, a CV, copies of Bachelor’s and Master’s degree certificates (if applicable), a representative paper demonstrating the applicant's skills in academic writing and English linguistics (e.g. Master’s thesis, term paper), and a proposal for the PhD or ‘Habilitation’ project (optional, no more than five pages) as pdf-files by 15 July 2024 by e-mail to ljangosov@uni-bonn.de with the application code 3.2/24/31. Questions on the application process should also be directed to this address.

For further information on the position and research in the working group, please contact Prof. Dr. Robert Fuchs (rfuchs@uni-bonn.de).