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The Humanities and Social Sciences Group; Faculty of Arts; Linguistics: Functional, Cognitive and Descriptive Linguistics: English, Spanish, Typology are looking for

Research assistant (f/m) - ABV2011150

The team of coordinators of the GOA project "The Multiple Functional Load of grammatical signs in text construction and processes of language change" is composed of Bert Cornillie, Kristin Davidse (principal coordinator), Jean-Christophe Verstraete and An Van linden. The main coordinator of this work package of the GOA-project is Bert Cornillie (Spanish Linguistics).

Your opportunities

Doctoral research in the context of GOA/12/010 project "The Multiple Functional Load of grammatical signs in text construction and processes of language change".

Several positions for doctoral students are available, one of which is next academic year for the Spanish Linguistics work package of the GOA project. This vacancy is for this package.

The aim of the PhD project is to account for the semantics and pragmatics of the complementizer 'que' in clauses that lack a matrix verb, e.g. *que se quede aquí* 's/he should stay here', *claro/ naturalmente/ evidentemente que me hubiera gustado* 'of course I would have loved that', *sí que te lo había dicho* 'yes I had told you' or *Mira que te lo he dicho cien veces* 'Look I have told you that 100 times'. A summary of the research project can be requested by e-mail.

The candidate is expected to do, in the context of the above-mentioned GOA project, doctoral research on the semantics and pragmatics of the Spanish complementizer 'que'. The candidate will have 90% of his/her time available for his/her doctoral research activities, 10% will be dedicated to other services (e.g. assistance in the teaching of Spanish linguistics, invigilation of exams).

The fellow will receive a salary of approximately 1700 EUR/month (after taxes) for a period of four years and all regular provisions for K.U.Leuven research fellows. In addition, s/he will be allocated office space and a laptop, and receive funding for research activities such as attending conferences abroad and organizing workshops and conferences in Leuven or elsewhere.

The successful candidate will join a dynamic research team (including six professors, five postdoctoral fellows and ten PhD students).

Your profile

Applications are invited from candidates with the following qualifications:

- An MA (or equivalent) in Linguistics or Philology and academic distinction.
- Strong analytical skills and the motivation to pursue creative work in cognitive-functional linguistics.
- An interest in authentic corpus data, talk-in-interaction and the syntax-discourse interface.
- An excellent command of Spanish and a good command of English; proficiency in, or a willingness to learn Dutch is an asset.
- A cooperative attitude and the ability to play an active role in the research unit (including its weekly seminars).
- The ability to present research results at international conferences, and to publish in peer-reviewed journals.

Our offer

We offer an employment as full-time research assistant starting 2011, October 1st for 1 year, renewable till max. 4 years.

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For more information about the job description, please contact Prof. Dr. B. Cornillie, bert.cornillie@arts.kuleuven.be, tel: +32 16 324765

Applications must be received no later than 27/06/2011.

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