

Open Science

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Leibniz-Institut für
Psychologie

Become part of the open science movement

The Leibniz Institute for Psychology Information (ZPID) in Trier (Germany) is an internationally recognized research-based psychology service center located in Trier (Germany) and belongs to the Leibniz Association. ZPID puts a strong emphasis on open science and is currently establishing research groups in science reception, psychological meta-science, and big data in psychology.

As part of this effort, we are searching for

Three Doctoral Researchers (m/f/d)

(salary group TV-L E13, 75 %, 3+1 years)

Preferred start date: October 1 or November 1, 2024. The positions will be dedicated to the following research areas:

Science Reception

This position will be part of the Science Reception Lab at ZPID. We investigate how the scientific system, researchers, and scientific evidence are perceived by the public and what challenges and promotes the effective and appropriate dissemination of science. In particular, this position could focus on perceptions and consequences of expert trespassing (i.e., when researchers comment on issues beyond their area of expertise) or related topics.

Your profile:

- MSc in psychology (very good grade)
- Experience in experimental research, incl. statistical analysis
- Strong interest in social psychological research, especially in science reception and trust in science, prior knowledge desirable but not necessary
- Strong intrinsic motivation to deeply understand new topics and conduct thorough, high-quality research
- Profound English language skills (spoken and written)
- You are cooperative and team-oriented

Please get in touch with Dr. Marlene Altenmüller (ma@leibniz-psychology.org) for further information on this position.

Psychological Meta-science

This position is part of the Psychological Meta-Science lab at ZPID. Some of the key foci of this lab include the biases that are part of psychological research process, with a particular focus on the so-called researcher degrees of freedom; the replicability and reliability of findings of psychological research, especially in meta-analyses; researcher profiles and the factors that affect researcher careers in psychology. The successful candidate use the data available at ZPID to investigate one of these or related topics.

Your profile:

- MSc in psychology, ideally with focus on social psychology
- Experience in quantitative research and data analysis; experience with meta-analysis is a plus
- Strong interest in psychological methods and statistics
- Experience with, or strong motivation to learn statistical programming with R
- Strong English language skills (spoken and written)
- You are team-oriented, systematic, thorough, and persistent in your work

Please get in touch with Dr. Kinga Bierwaczonk (kmb@leibniz-psychology.org) for further information on this position.

Big Data in Psychology

This position will be part of the Big Data Lab at ZPID. We study human behavior across massive and complex datasets, including social media, large-scale experiments, and high-resolution dynamic recordings (e.g., neuroimaging). For this position, research topics could focus on advancing deep neural networks for studying psychological phenomena (e.g., morality, hate-speech, etc.) particularly in multi-lingual, multi-modal datasets; apply pattern recognition techniques to predict real-world behaviors; or related areas combining Big Data with social and moral psychology.

Your profile:

- MSc in psychology, computational social science, or computer science
- Experience in Python, R, or MATLAB; statistical or spatio-temporal modelling; knowledge of Linux/bash is a plus
- Strong interest in social/moral psychology, natural language processing, computer vision, and deep learning
- Strong motivation to analyze large datasets, including text, audiovisual, behavior, and fMRI.
- Profound English language skills (spoken and written)
- You have an interdisciplinary mindset, thrive in a collaborative lab, and enjoy building research infrastructure

Please get in touch with Dr. Frederic Hopp (fhopp@leibniz-psychology.org) for further information on this position.

We offer:

- An exciting scientific environment
- The opportunity to realize your own research ideas
- Excellent teamwork in a friendly and collegial atmosphere
- Family-friendly working conditions (certified by [Audit berufundfamilie](#))
- Flexible working hours and the possibility of (partial) home office
- Remuneration in [salary group TV-L E 13](#) (75%) with a special annual payment (monthly gross salary starting Nov. 2024: € 3.291 in year 1 and € 3.531 from year two onwards)
- Company pension scheme for the public sector (VBL) Company health management
- Possibility to use the facilities of the University of Trier

In order to apply, please register with our online portal here

<https://leibniz-psychology.onlyfy.jobs/application/apply/r17g21qr37typ6psdy6anhmka19fp6a>

and upload the following documents (until July 15, 2024):

- Cover letter addressing the motivation for the application
- CV
- Relevant certificates of degree(s)
- Two references or names and contact details from people who are willing to provide a reference

Applications should be sent in English language. Please indicate in which position(s) you are indicated.

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At ZPID, we strive to increase the opportunities for women in research and to also increase the percentage of women in positions where they are currently underrepresented. Therefore, in the event of equal qualifications, women are given priority.

ZPID is highly committed to the employment of people with disabilities. Severely disabled applicants are given preferential consideration provided they are qualified for the position. We welcome applications from all suitably qualified applicants irrespective of nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion or belief, age, or sexual orientation and identity.

When applying for a position at ZPID, you will submit personal data. Please refer to our [data protection statement](#) in accordance with Art. 13 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) regarding the collection and processing of personal data as part of your online application at our website. With submitting your application, you acknowledge that you have reviewed ZPID's data protection statement.

Please note that online applications will only be accepted until 07/15/2024 via the following URL:

<https://leibniz-psychology.onlyfy.jobs/application/apply/r17g21qr37typ6psdy6anhmka19fp6a>

