

Trier University conducts socially relevant research and teaching at the cutting edge with a strong focus on digitalization, interdisciplinarity and diversity. With currently around 10,000 students and around 2,000 employees, Trier University is one of the largest employers in the European border region of Trier. Short distances on a green campus, a lively academic life and an open-minded working culture offer many opportunities to make a difference.

The Faculty of Language, Literature and Media Studies (Department of Computational Linguistics and Digital Humanities, Prof. Dr. Achim Rettinger) invites applications for a

Research Associate (m/f/x)

(E 13 TV-L, 100%, permanent position, starting 1st October 2026)

Your responsibilities

The advertised position in the field of Computational Linguistics includes teaching in linguistics, computational linguistics, and computer science amounting to 8 teaching hours per week (8 SWS) in the degree programs B.A. Language, Technology, Media with a focus on Artificial Intelligence and Computational Linguistics, as well as in the international M.A. Natural Language Processing. Since the subject area at Trier University has a focus on artificial intelligence and machine learning for media content, theoretical and practical skills in this area are required.

In addition to teaching, the position includes the following responsibilities:

- Active research on current topics in the field of Natural Language Processing
- Technical support and user administration of the subject area's GPU servers and software libraries for use in research and teaching
- Support in the procurement and management of the chair's equipment
- Acquisition of third-party funding and substantive as well as administrative involvement in research projects
- Participation in the academic self-governance of the department
- Supervision of theses, as well as support for student assistants and doctoral candidates
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Your profile

The recruitment requirements are based on Section 57 (2) and (3) of the Higher Education Act of Rhineland-Palatinate (HochSchG); in particular, applicants are expected to have:

- An above-average academic university degree (Master's, Diplom, or equivalent) as well as a doctorate appropriate to the position in Computational Linguistics or a related discipline
- At least two years and six months of full-time professional experience after graduation
- Experience in research-oriented teaching in English and German, as well as in supervising theses and student assistants
- Existing publications on current methods and applications in computational linguistics at relevant conferences in Computational Linguistics, Artificial Intelligence, or Machine Learning, as well as experience in reviewing scientific publications; active publication activity and ambitions for further academic qualification
- Extensive expertise in both computer science and data science, as well as in linguistics or media studies

Applications should be submitted as a single PDF file by 03/08/2026.

Please email your application to: Prof. Dr.

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- Practical skills in the implementation and development of current algorithmic methods in computational linguistics, machine learning, or artificial intelligence, as well as in conducting empirical experiments with large datasets such as texts, images, or knowledge graphs on GPU servers
- Experience in the support and administration of technical infrastructure for students and academic staff in modern computational linguistics
- Experience with university administration in the areas of teaching organization, procurement, building and equipment services, as well as experience in academic self-governance
- Ability to work in a team, resilience, and reliability
- Very good command of English and German, both written and spoken
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What we offer

- A diverse and varied range of responsibilities in a highly sought-after field of research with immediate societal relevance
- Internationally active research collaborations and a scientifically well-connected, motivated team
- Opportunities for cooperation with the FZI Research Center for Information Technology in Karlsruhe and its industry contacts
- Applied interdisciplinary research primarily in the field of Computational Social and Communication Science
- A secure position in the public sector with occupational pension provisions for employees

The position is suitable for part-time employment. Trier University is committed to increasing the number of female employees and strongly encourages women to apply. Severely disabled persons and persons treated as such under Section 2 (3) of SGB IX will be given preferential consideration if they are suitably qualified (please enclose proof).

Please send your application documents (letter of motivation, CV with detailed information on project and teaching experience as well as research interests, copies of certificates, doctoral certificate, list of publications) by e-mail to rettinger@uni-trier.de. For further information on the processing of your personal data, please refer to the privacy notice for application procedures pursuant to Article 13 GDPR on our website.

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