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The Faculty of Humanities invites applications for a

**RESEARCH ASSOCIATE FOR THE PROJECT**

**“THE IMPACT OF PUBLIC DISCOURSE ON HEALTH CARE UTILIZATION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC”**

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The position in accordance with Section 28 subsection 3 of the Hamburg higher education act (Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz, HmbHG) commences on June 1, 2021.

This is a fixed-term contract in accordance with Section 2 of the academic fixed-term labor contract act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz, WissZeitVG). The term is fixed for a period of two years. The position calls for 65% of standard work hours per week.*

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Duties include academic services in the project named above. Research associates may also pursue independent research and further academic qualifications.

**SPECIFIC DUTIES:**

The primary objective of this project is to examine the relationship between public discourse on the COVID-19 pandemic and responses by the population considering policy measures taken to mitigate the pandemic, socioeconomic factors and political orientation, with a focus on two countries, England and Germany. The project is a cooperation between the Hamburg Center for Health Economics and the Department of English. In the position advertised here, you will assist Prof. Robert Fuchs at the Department of English with the linguistic analysis of discourse on the COVID-19 pandemic in English and German print and online media. In particular, you will assist with the compilation of relevant data, the analysis of word frequencies and metaphorical usage, statistical modelling as well as the documentation of results for presentation at academic conferences and their publication in academic journals.

* Full-time positions currently comprise 39 hours per week.
**REQUIREMENTS:**

A university degree in a relevant field.
- Excellent proficiency in English, good proficiency in German
- Experience with the statistical analysis of linguistic data (esp. with R and/or Python), the analysis of metaphorical language, corpus linguistics and/or discourse analysis are of advantage

Qualified disabled candidates or applicants with equivalent status receive preference in the application process.

For further information, please contact Prof. Robert Fuchs (robert.fuchs@uni-hamburg.de).

Applications should include a cover letter, a tabular curriculum vitae, and copies of degree certificate(s). Please send applications by March 30, 2021 to: robert.fuchs@uni-hamburg.de.

Please do not submit original documents as we are not able to return them. Any documents submitted will be destroyed after the application process has concluded.