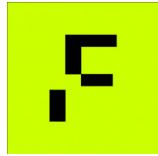


**Freie Universität Berlin - Fachbereich Geschichts- und
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Iranistik**



Research assistant (praedoc) (m/f/d)

With 65% part-time job limited to 31.12.2028 salary grade (Entgeltgruppe) 13 TV-L FU
reference code: GK-Iranistik/SGIIG_II/2025

City: Berlin; Starting date (earliest): At the earliest possible; Duration: befristet bis
31.12.2028; Remuneration: Entgeltgruppe 13 TV-L FU; Reference
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Working field

The research project "The Linguistic (Pre-)History of the Indo-Iranian Frontier," funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) within the Emmy Noether Program, examines the modern languages of the Indo-Iranian Frontier (present-day Afghanistan and Pakistan). It aims to gain a more comprehensive picture of the region's linguistic history and prehistory through a close integration of field research and empirical-descriptive work with historical-comparative studies. One subproject each focuses on representatives of the Indo-Iranian subbranches Iranian (Yidgha-Munji), Nuristani (Prasun), and Indo-Aryan (Kunar group). Next to descriptive work in the modern languages, historical comparison with earlier-attested stages of Iranian (Old and Middle Iranian) and Indo-Aryan (Old and Middle Indo-Aryan) is another important component of the project.

Job description:

- Doing linguistic fieldwork on Prasun in Pakistan
- Working with archival materials
- Contributing to historical-comparative work as part of the project team (e.g., etymological coding of word lists, constructing databases on historical phonology)
- The third-party funded research project provides an opportunity to do a doctorate: Writing a PhD thesis on a topic related to Prasun language description or the history of the Nuristani group

Requirements

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- Master's degree or equivalent in a relevant field (e.g., linguistics, Indo-European

studies, Iranian studies, indology)

Desirable:

- Willingness to conduct linguistic fieldwork under potentially challenging conditions
- Interest in historical linguistics
- Ability to work in a team
- Previous experience with ancient and/or modern Indo-Iranian languages
- Communicative competence in / willingness to acquire basic knowledge of one of the regional contact languages (Persian, Pashto, Urdu, Khowar)
- Familiarity with the methods of historical linguistics (comparative method, linguistic reconstruction)
- Previous experience or theoretical familiarity with the methods of linguistic fieldwork
- Competence and experience in intercultural communication
- Experience working with digital databases and other IT skills

Application

Applications should be sent by e-mail, together with significant documents [CV, cover letter, diplomas (BA, MA)], indicating the reference code, no later than December 1st , 2025 in PDF format (preferably as one document) to Dr. Jakob Halfmann: iranistik@geschkult.fu-berlin.de or postal to

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