# Stellenausschreibung

**Art der ausgeschriebenen Position**
- ☒ wissenschaftlich
- ☐ administrativ

**Zielgruppe**
- ☒ Graduierte
- ☐ Postdoktoranden
- ☐ weitere

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**Zur Institution**
The **Hector Research Institute** is a nationally and internationally leading research center in education sciences and psychology. Our interdisciplinary team works in a well-equipped building close to the historic old town of Tübingen, Germany. The institute has a long-standing tradition in the research on motivation and a number of active research projects on curiosity. The more about the institute can be found in the link here ([https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/80946](https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/80946)).

**Zur Position**
We are seeking an excellent doctoral student from the fields cognitive science, psychology, neuroscience, and educational science (or related) who is motivated to work on research on human curiosity. The successful candidate will be involved in a project on curiosity and adult development as a part of the Affect and Learning Science Lab ([https://affectlearningscience.org/](https://affectlearningscience.org/)) as well as Motivation Science Lab ([https://motivationsciencelab.com/](https://motivationsciencelab.com/)). In particular, the project will investigate how curiosity can be sustained across the adult lifespan primarily using experimental approaches. We especially give priority to candidates with experience in experimental design, advanced statistical analysis, experimental programming, and experience in research across the adult lifespan.

**The position comes** with a contract for 3 years. The expected start date is December 2023 but the start date can be adjusted depending on candidates’ individual circumstances. The successful candidate will work closely with Professor Michiko Sakaki and Humboldt-Professor Kou Murayama, and is expected to design and implement studies together with other researchers at the Hector Research Institute.

**Aufgaben**
**What we offer:**
- A contract with a fixed term of three years, paid at E 13 TV-L,
- close collaboration, mentoring, and professional development from a supervisory team as well as work with an inspiring,
multidisciplinary, and international team that includes many other talented PhD students,

- Supportive environment to enable presentations at national and international conferences, publications in highly ranked journals as well as interdisciplinary and international exchange programs to advance an (international) academic career, opportunity to join the LEAD Graduate School & Research Network to develop a cross-faculty collaborative interdisciplinary research network (www.lead.uni-tuebingen.de)

Anforderungsprofil Your profile:

- Master’s degree (or you are about to graduate) in cognitive science, psychology, neuroscience, educational science or a related field with excellent grades,
- strong interest in research from interdisciplinary perspectives and proven interest in human motivation, curiosity, lifelong development and/or experimental designs,
- some experience and interest in quantitative research methodologies (using R, MATLAB, etc.) and experimental programming;
- very good English skills and ideally some proficiency in German.

Zur Bewerbung (Fristen etc.) Applications including a cover letter detailing (1) your expertise and methodological skills and (2) a reason why you are interested in the position, a CV, contact of two references who can be contacted before interview, degree and other certificates with transcripts should be sent via email in one single pdf-file to jobs@hib.uni-tuebingen.de with the subject line “PhD Curiosity.” The cover letter and CV should be written in English. The application deadline is September 11, 2023.

Applications from equally qualified candidates with disabilities will be given preference. The university of Tübingen is committed to equal opportunities and diversity. It therefore takes individual life situations into account and asks for relevant information. The University seeks to raise the number of women in research and teaching and therefore urges qualified women to apply.

Employment will be officially organized by the central university administration.

Kontakt For further inquiries about the position, please reach out to Professor Michiko Sakaki (michiko.sakaki@uni-tuebingen.de).