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## ***Job Opening***

### **Postdoctoral Position (full time, fixed term 3 years)**

Scientific Coordination of the **DFG Priority Program**

*"Human performance under multiple cognitive task requirements: From basic mechanisms to optimized task scheduling"* (DFG Schwerpunktprogramm 1772)

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#### **Our profile**

In the framework of the interdisciplinary priority program, twenty research groups from different German universities investigate human performance under multiple cognitive task requirements. Integrating approaches and findings from cognitive psychology and movement science, we strive to advance research on multitasking to provide a new integrative theoretical framework to account for this fundamental aspect of human behavior.

More information on the priority program can be found here: <http://www.multitasking-spp.de>

#### **Your Profile**

We are looking for a highly motivated scientist and team player with

- a completed PhD with publication experience in scientific, peer-reviewed journals
- knowledge of and experience with experimental paradigms for examining cognitive control/multitasking/action planning (e.g., dual task, task-switching)

- experience in project management and conceptualization of scientific communication and events
- excellent knowledge of spoken and written English (working language of the priority program), good command of German is an asset
- communication skills and integrative mindset to foster successful research involving program members at various levels of experience (e.g., PhD candidates, post-docs) as well as external (international) collaborators

### Your Tasks

The Scientific Coordinator is responsible for the scientific supervision, organization, monitoring and advancement of collaborative research efforts within the priority program. In close cooperation with the other members of the priority program's Coordination Team (Iring Koch, Aachen, Andrea Kiesel, Freiburg, and Hermann Müller, Gießen, the Scientific Coordinator is responsible for

- facilitation of collaboration between involved research groups to conjointly advance the program's scientific objectives, bridging paradigmatic approaches from different disciplines (e.g., cognitive psychology and movement science)
- tracking the scientific progress within the priority program
- overseeing and coordinating the program's Graduate Support Program for PhD candidates, including the mentoring program, lab visits, review of proposals and allocation of funding for joint projects of junior researchers from different research groups (*Research Excellence Grant*)
- monitoring, maintaining and adapting facilities for information exchange (e.g., update project homepage and internal WIKI regarding project overviews, publications, events, research tools,...)
- conception, planning, organization and implementation of scientific events (summer schools, workshops, symposia, and research meetings)
- foster exchange and research collaboration with international partners
- planning, conducting and publishing research in the field of multitasking

### Our Offer

In addition to experiencing scientific management in a highly motivated, diverse, and collaborative program, the position provides a unique and fruitful framework to develop and advance one's individual scientific profile on multitasking/cognitive control/action planning, with the opportunity to conduct and publish research drawing on the expertise of dedicated and well-respected researchers in the field.

The Scientific Coordinator will be a member of Iring Koch's (priority program's 1<sup>st</sup> speaker) research team located at RWTH University Aachen, Aachen, Germany.

The successful candidate will be employed as a public servant.

The position is a fixed-term full-time position for three years, to be filled by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

Applicants must have a doctorate/Ph.D. or equivalent.

The salary corresponds to level EG 13 TV-L.

The deadline for applications is **September 9, 2018**.

Please send your application (ideally as single pdf file) by email to: [koch@psych.rwth-aachen.de](mailto:koch@psych.rwth-aachen.de)

RWTH Aachen University is certified as a Family-Friendly University.

We particularly welcome and encourage applications from women, disabled persons and ethnic minority groups, recognizing they are underrepresented across RWTH Aachen University.

The principles of fair and open competition apply and appointments will be made on merit.