

FORM FOR EMPLOYERS

INSTITUTION: Nicolaus Copernicus University,
Faculty of Humanities

CITY: Toruń

POSITION: assistant professor (adjunkt) - research staff (adiunkt - grupa badawcza)

DISCIPLINE: The Field of the Humanities, - Linguistics,

POSTED: 2025-03-07

EXPIRES: 2025-04-05

WEBSITE: <http://www.umk.pl/en/jobs/?task=offer&action=one&id=4667>

KEYWORDS: linguistics, language evolution

DESCRIPTION (FIELD, EXPECTATIONS, COMMENTS):

The competition is open to persons who meet the conditions set out in Article 113 of the Act of 20 July 2018 - Law on higher education and science (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 1668) and the following qualification criteria:

Call for a Postdoctoral Researcher

The Center for Language Evolution Studies at the Faculty of Humanities, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, invites applications for a postdoctoral researcher position.

The successful candidate will be employed in the project "Paths to Polysemy: Integrating Approaches to the Role of Polysemy in the Evolutionary Dynamics of Language." (PI: Dr Michael Pleyer).

The goal of the project is to combine cognitive and experimental approaches, especially in the domain of experimental semiotics, to understand how polysemy plays a role in the cultural evolution of language. A special focus of the project lies on cross-cultural differences in the evolutionary paths of polysemy and meaning extension.

This is a full-time research position. The candidate is expected to have a PhD in linguistics, cognitive science or a related field. Name of the Unit: Center for Language Evolution Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń.

Requirements:

- A PhD in Linguistics, Psychology, Cognitive Science, or a related field, obtained no earlier than 7 years before the year of employment in the project.
- Familiarity with experimental design and experience in running linguistic and behavioural experiments.
- Fluency in English, both spoken and written.
- Experience in preparing scientific reports and journal articles.

Desirable Skills:

- Experience in language evolution research, broadly conceived.
- Experience in data analysis and good coding skills.
- Strong collaborative and communication skills in an international research environment.

Description of tasks:

- Conducting research in the NCN-funded OPUS project "Paths to Polysemy: Integrating Approaches to the Role of Polysemy in the Evolutionary Dynamics of Language." (PI: Dr Michael Pleyer)
- Participation in designing, preparing and running experiments using designs such as artificial language learning and experimental semiotics.
- Publishing research findings in peer-reviewed journals.

Documents required:

- Cover letter
- Personal questionnaire for the person applying for employment
- Professional curriculum vitae
- Copy of higher education diploma
- Copy of doctorate certificate
- Information about scientific, didactic and organizational achievements (abstract comprising candidate's most important areas of research, and scientific, educational, and other achievements)
- List of publications (including the publishing house/journal, year of publication, and page number)
- Declaration of consent to the processing of personal data contained in the job offer for the needs of the recruitment process, in accordance with the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of The Council of 27 April 2016 (L119/1)
- Declaration under art. 113 ust. 1 ustawy Prawo o szkolnictwie wyższym (o niekaralności) (Art. Paragraph 113 (1) of the Higher Education Act (of no criminal record))
- Declaration that Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń will be my primary employer once I have won the contest

Employment conditions:

Employment within the framework of the National Science Centre OPUS project of the National Science Centre (2024/53/B/HS2/01366), entitled "Paths to Polysemy: Integrating Approaches to the Role of Polysemy in the Evolutionary Dynamics of Language".

Type of contract: Full-time employment

Duration: 33 Months

Starting date: 01.05.2025

Salary: According to NCN regulations for postdoctoral positions (PLN 140,000 gross with employer costs per year)

The selection process procedure:

Stage 1: qualification of candidates following the documents submission

Stage 2: qualification interview with selected candidates (optional).

The selection procedure will be completed no later than 15.04.2025.

The university does not provide accommodation

Forms to be downloaded: <http://www.umk.pl/en/jobs/forms/>

Please be informed that the person selected through the competition will be obliged to submit a certificate from the National Criminal Register with regard to offences specified in Chapters 19 and 25 of the Penal Code (including offences against sexual freedom and morality), in Article 189a and Article 207 of the Penal Code and in the Act on Counteracting Drug Addiction of 29 July 2005 (Journal of Laws of 2023, item 1939 and of 2022, item 2600), or for the corresponding offences defined in foreign law. The obligation to verify applies to a person whose tasks will be related to the protected activity referred to in Article 21. of the Act of 13 May 2016 on counteracting the threat of sexual offences and the protection of minors (Journal of Laws of 2024, item 560).

Pursuant to art. 24 paragraph 6 of the Act of June 14, 2024 on the protection of whistleblowers (Journal of Laws of 2024, item 928), information on the internal reporting procedure at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń is available at: <https://www.umk.pl/en/contact/internal-reporting/>

POSTAL ADDRESS TO WHICH THE APPLICANT CAN SEND DOCUMENTS IF HE DOES NOT WANT TO USE THE ON-LINE SYSTEM:

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