

The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence research group (Prof. Dr. Rainer Mühlhoff) of the **Institute of Cognitive Science** invites applications for

**1 Research Assistant (m/f/d)**  
**(Salary level E 13 TV-L, 50–75%)**

to be filled as soon as possible for the remaining duration of the project (until 30 June 2023).

**Description of Responsibilities:**

In this position you will contribute to formulating ethical guidelines for small/medium-sized software projects that use location information (e.g., GPS data on the smartphone). The work will be done in close interaction with an interdisciplinary team consisting of ethicists and computer scientists. The work will touch topics such as ethics of data-driven AI systems, data ethics and data protection, philosophy and ethics of human-machine interaction, and education about privacy risks.

The position is situated within the ongoing research project “SIMPORT” (Secure and Intuitive Management of Personal Location Information, see <https://simport.net>), funded by the BMBF (German Federal Ministry of Research and Education). During your work, you will also get the opportunity to participate in the research activities of the Ethics of AI group at the Institute of Cognitive Science.

**Requirements:**

- Applicants should have an excellent academic degree (Master/diploma) in philosophy or related fields (e.g., cultural studies, media studies, social sciences, political sciences etc.).
- Knowledge of data ethics and data protection, ethics of artificial intelligence or applied ethics in other technology-related contexts is required. Ideally, this should be documented through publications, Master’s thesis or dissertation.
- Very good scientific writing skills should be documented by reading samples and/or academic publications.
- A good command of the English language is mandatory.

The position is flexible within negotiable boundaries with regard to the working location. The position can be filled with both pre- and postdoc candidates.

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If two candidates are equally qualified, preference will be given to the candidate with disability status.

Applications including cover letter, CV, degree certificates, as well as a reading sample (published paper, excerpt of MA thesis or dissertation, term paper etc., max

15 pages in English) should be submitted by e-mail in a **single** PDF file to the Director of the Institute of Cognitive Science ([office@ikw.uni-osnabrueck.de](mailto:office@ikw.uni-osnabrueck.de)) no later than **August 25, 2022**. Further information can be obtained from Prof. Dr. Rainer Mühlhoff ([rainer.muehlhoff@uni-osnabrueck.de](mailto:rainer.muehlhoff@uni-osnabrueck.de)).