

Two-year Post-Doc position (0,9 FTE) in the project 'Time in Translation: a semantics of the Perfect'

Job description

You will be participating in the project *Time in Translation: a semantics of the Perfect (TinT)*. This project is funded by NWO, by way of a Vrije Competitie project awarded to Prof Dr Henriëtte de Swart and Dr Bert Le Bruyn at Utrecht University, the Netherlands.

TinT aims to develop the meaning of the present perfect. We analyse perfect use in relation to other verbal tense forms both at the sentence and the discourse level through parallel corpus and experimental work in 5 languages (Dutch, English, German, French, Spanish). The project is entering its third year and the overview of publications and presentations on the project's website gives an idea of the directions in which it has developed (<https://time-in-translation.hum.uu.nl/publications/>).

TinT is currently offering a postdoc position with **January 1st 2020** as the intended starting date. The successful candidate will work in a team with the two PIs, Jos Tellings (Post-doc, [website](#)), Martijn van der Klis (PhD student, [website](#)) and a number of affiliated students from the BA to the PhD level. We are looking for a Post-Doc with complementary expertise, in particular in theory-driven experimentation.

Tasks :

- Carry out research that fits the overall goals of the TinT project;
- Design and carry out theory-driven experimentation;
- Presentations at workshops and conferences;
- Publication of two peer-reviewed articles, partly in collaboration with other project members;
- Co-organization of workshops and conferences;
- Teaching.

Requirements:

- PhD in theoretical linguistics with a strong experimental component;
- Interest in tense and aspect, cross-linguistic variation, acquisition (L1/L2), translation;
- Fluency in at least one (Germanic/Romance/Slavic) language aside from English
- Ability to perform and publish high quality research, demonstrated for instance by a strong publication record in international peer-reviewed journals;
- Excellent English oral proficiency, academic writing and presentation skills;
- Excellent organizational, social and communication skills.

Offer

The successful candidate will be appointed on a fixed-term basis (0,9 FTE), starting **1 January 2020** or soon thereafter. The appointment is for a period of 24 months, with a one-year initial trial period. The gross monthly salary depends on the candidate's experience and will be based on scale 10 or 11 of the Collective Labour Agreement Dutch Universities.

Utrecht University offers a pension scheme, a holiday allowance of 8% per year, an end-of-year bonus of 8.3% and flexible employment conditions. Conditions are based on the Collective Employment Agreement of the Dutch Universities. More information: [terms of employment](#).

About the organization

The research is conducted within the Language, Logic and Information group of the [Utrecht Institute of Linguistics OTS](#). Other research groups at UiL OTS focus on Language Variation, Linguistic Theory and Language Acquisition, Language Processing and Language Pathology, Language and Education, Language and Communication. The UiL OTS research staff comprises approximately 20 full professors, a dozen postdocs and roughly 40 PhD students.

UiL OTS is part of the [Faculty of Humanities](#) which has approximately seven thousand students and nine hundred staff members. It comprises four Research Institutes: The Institute of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Institute of History and Art History, Institute of Cultural Inquiry (ICON), and the Utrecht Institute of Linguistics OTS (UiL OTS). With its research and education in these fields, the Faculty aims to contribute to a better understanding of the Netherlands and Europe in a rapidly changing social and cultural context. The enthusiastic and committed colleagues and the excellent amenities in the historical city centre of Utrecht, where the Faculty is housed, contribute to an inspiring working environment.

The [Department of Language, Literature and Communication](#) offers BA and MA programmes in literary studies, linguistics, communication studies, translation, as well as Dutch, English, German, French, Italian, Spanish and (uniquely in the Netherlands) Celtic languages.

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Applications

If interested in applying for the position, please submit digital copies of the following documents through the application website:

- a letter of motivation;
- a research statement, explaining why and how your own experience can insightfully be embedded in the TinT project and how the research you plan to carry out furthers the aims of this project (1500 to 2000 words);
- a CV, including an overview of publications and teaching experience;
- names and full contact details of two academic referees.

A link to the application website will be added to the project's website (<http://time-in-translation.hum.uu.nl>) as soon as possible.

The application deadline is **October 14**.

Interviews, live or by videoconference, will be held in the week of **October 28**.

The intended starting date is **January 1, 2020**.