UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES

ACTE

Autisme en Contexte
Théorie et Expérience

CALL FOR A 4-YEAR DOCTORAL RESEARCHER AT THE ACTE RESEARCH CENTER, AT THE ULB NEUROSCIENCE INSTITUTE
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Belgian Language in Autism Cohort

PROJECT – The successful candidate will be awarded a four-year PhD grant at the ACTE lab (https://acte.ulb.be) at the Université libre de Bruxelles. They will be writing a PhD dissertation under the supervision of Mikhail Kissine on a detailed analysis of spontaneous speech in a large sample of 3- to 7-year-old autistic children in the French-speaking part of Belgium. This PhD dissertation is part of **Belgian Language in Autism Cohort**, a large multicentric and multilingual longitudinal project on the linguistic trajectories in autism, led by ACTE, at Université libre de Bruxelles, LAURES, at KU Leuven, and RIDDL, at Gent University. In addition to focusing on the detailed analysis of speech data, the successful candidate will be expected to help coordinate the collection and the transcription of these data. All PhD students working within the project will have the opportunity to receive training in all the experimental tools used in the project (such as the administration of standardized cognitive, linguistic and autism-specific psychometric tools and questionnaires, EEG or measures of statistical learning), and to spend time in the other labs involved in the project. The monthly net salary is expected to be around 2100 € the first two years, and 2170 € the third and the fourth years. This project is funded by an EOS grant.

REQUIRED
- Being awarded a MA diploma or equivalent in linguistics, psychology, speech therapy or cognitive science no later than August 1st 2022;
- An established record of excellent academic grades;
- Training in the analysis of linguistic data;
- Native or native-like French;
- Excellent mastery of academic English;
- Being prepared to collect data across Belgium with flexible working hours;
- Excellent inter-personal skills;
- Interest in autism and language acquisition.

DESIRABLE
- Experience in autism or other neuro-developmental conditions;
- Driving license;
- Knowledge of Dutch;
- Experience in quantitative data analysis.

Application – The applications will be assessed on a rolling base until the position is filled, but no later than **August 10, 2022**. The application file should consist in a single pdf document, combining the following:
- A one-page motivation letter;
- The names and the contact details of two referees who can be contacted during the selection process;
- A CV;
- A copy of the relevant diplomas and grade records;
- A recent sample of academic writing in English or in French (e.g., articles or working papers, chapter of Master thesis).

Applications and inquiries about this position should be sent to Mikhail.Kissine@ulb.be with the following object: *EOS PhD application*. We specifically encourage applications from candidates who are neuro-diverse, disabled or come from ethnic groups underrepresented in academia. Ideal start date is October 1, 2022.