



At the German Sport University Cologne, in the Department of Performance Psychology at the Institute of Psychology, the following position is available starting June 1, 2026:

Post-doc researcher and research unit coordinator (f/m/d)

Full-time (100%), with a regular weekly working time of currently 39 hours and 50 minutes on a temporary basis.

The position is to be filled by May 31, 2030 at the latest in order to promote scientific qualification (postdoctoral research) within the meaning of the „Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz“ (WissZeitVG). This period is considered appropriate for promoting scientific expertise.

Funded by the German Research Foundation, the project enables structured postgraduate education within the research group Task-Switching Decisions and associated cognitive processes ([FOR6047](#)) and intensive exchange with experts from the fields of psychology, cognitive science and neuroscience in the area of task switching and decision-making.

The [Department of Performance Psychology](#) belongs to the active research groups in the field of psychology. The working and lab language is English. The department provides several laboratories and technical support, and offers intensive supervision and training for postgraduates.

Your tasks

- Research on task switching decisions
- Implementation of a joint research program within the research group FOR6047
- Implementation of joint data and computational modeling approaches in the role of a data steward
- Collaboration on cooperative research projects within FOR6047 and publication of the results in peer-reviewed scientific journals
- Supervision and support for PhD students
- 20% of working hours for administrative tasks for the research group, in particular organizing annual meetings and assisting with the coordination of the doctoral program
- Participation in the institute's self-administration

Required qualifications

- Completed scientific university degree (Master), preferably in psychology or cognitive science as well as a PhD in these or related fields
- Interest in experimental and, where applicable, in computational research
- High motivation for scientific work in a research group
- Very good written and spoken English skills

Desired qualifications

- Experience with experimental methods and modeling
- Knowledge in the area of task-switching or decision research is advantageous
- Knowledge of statistics (e.g., R)
- Experience with statistical programming languages (e.g., Python, MATLAB)



If the personal and collective-agreement requirements are met, classification will be up to pay grade **13 TV-L**. More information on the salary level can be found [here](#). Placement within the pay scale will take into account relevant professional experience.

The German Sport University Cologne sees itself as a cosmopolitan employer that values diversity. It is committed to diversity and gender equality and welcomes applications that contribute to this—regardless of gender, nationality, ethnic and social background, religion, disability, age, or sexual orientation and identity. Promoting equal opportunities is among the university's strategic goals; qualified women are therefore explicitly encouraged to apply. Women will be given preferential consideration in accordance with the State Equal Opportunities Act (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz).

Applications from people with severe disabilities and those with equivalent status are welcome and will be given preferential consideration within the framework of legal provisions.

The German Sport University Cologne supports its employees in reconciling family and work responsibilities.

Please send your detailed application and selected publications (max. 3) quoting the reference number **2604-WMA-Psychologie Postdoc** by April 6, 2026 in a **single PDF file** exclusively to bewerbung@dshs-koeln.de.

If you have any questions about the position, please contact Professor Dr. Dr. Markus Raab at +49 (0)221 4982-5491 or via raab@dshs-koeln.de. Ms. Ziemann is available to answer any legal and procedural questions you may have. Please call her at +49 (0)221 4982-7601 for further information.

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