APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSORSHIP

TENURE TRACK IN NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING

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We are looking for outstanding candidates with a research focus in the field of Natural Language Processing und Text-Mining. Methods to process large quantities of textual data and information extraction by means of machine learning methods are of particular interest. These methods should go beyond a single language. We offer an interesting research environment, research questions with practical relevance, and the integration with a motivated team of researchers and developers.
GRAZ UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

In world-wide competition with comparable institutions, Graz University of Technology pursues top teaching and research in the fields of the engineering sciences and the technical natural sciences. Knowing about the needs of society and the economy is an integral part of putting together excellent education and training programs. Ultimately, the quality of the education and training at Graz University of Technology is carried by the strength of its knowledge-oriented and applied research.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Computer science is one of the fastest growing and most innovative sectors. This dynamic is also reflected at the TU Graz. With its 21 professors and 11 institutes, the Department plays a central role within the university and focuses its research on four research fields: Intelligent Systems, Visual Computing, Security & Safety and Computational Life Sciences. The Department’s scientific achievements are remarkable: apart from employing three of the most cited researchers at TU Graz, it has brought out three ERC and three START grant recipients and is represented in major scientific rankings such as the Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers of the National Taiwan University. Moreover, the Department leads a FWF-funded national research network, a Christian Doppler Laboratory, a COMET Competence Center and acquires significant fundery from EU and national sources.

As an innovation engine, the Department significantly contributes to the economy and has tremendous growth potential, with 30 start-ups with more than 1000 employees to attest to that. The services of the Department have a great impact on TU Graz: its top position in international research and teaching, its visibility and effect on the society, its internationalizing PhD and Master studies, its inter-university cooperation and its industrial networking. The professorship will be primarily anchored in the Department of Computer Science and Biomedical Engineering and will strengthen the competence field „Intelligent Systems.“
“THIS PROFESSORSHIP IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND STRATEGIC ORIENTATION OF TU GRAZ.”

UNIV.PROF.DIPL.ING.DR.DR.H.C. HARALD KAINZ
RECTOR GRAZ UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
WHY GRAZ?

CULTURAL AND UNIVERSITY TOWN IN THE STYRIAN TUSCANY. WITH PLENTY OF SUN!

CITY OF KNOWLEDGE
GRAZ HAS BEEN A UNIVERSITY TOWN SINCE 1585

Know-how from Graz goes international. Six universities with more than 16 faculties form the basis of the excellent international reputation of Graz as a research and academical location. Research institutions in aerospace and automotive technology, in biotechnology and plant design are located in Graz. The same holds true for private high-tech businesses that export their products worldwide.

CULTURAL CAPITAL
CITY OF CONTRASTS

Graz, the exciting city of culture, and particularly its historic city centre, offers the ideal location to stage seminars, trade fairs or conferences. It is not by chance that Graz is a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. For centuries, in the historic city centre around Schlossberg hill, a townscape has been growing that is worthy of protection. Since the Middle Ages, the unique and well preserved architectural styles spanning from Gothic, Baroque, Renaissance, Art Nouveau and, of course, the modern, have not only seen an increase in value but are also indicative of a sense of tradition and art.

In fact, contemporary art and architecture enrich the cultural scene as much as classical culture: the Graz Opera House, theatres and festivals of classical music. In 2003, Graz was also acclaimed European Capital of Culture. “The friendly alien” art centre and the Island in the Mur still bear witness to that year of celebration.
CAPITAL OF CULINARY DELIGHTS
MEET WITH DELIGHT

With Styrian pumpkin seed oil, Käferbohnen beans, Grazer Krauthäuptel lettuce, award-winning wines and a gift for enjoying, Graz people are well ahead of those from other cities. That Mediterranean panache is everywhere.

Sunny spots in cheery beer gardens, promenades in the historic city centre and narrow, atmospheric alleyways, combined with over 2,300 hours of sunshine convey a southern European atmosphere.

CONFERENCE VENUE GRAZ
WHERE SCIENCE MEETS ART, CULTURE AND PASSION

Organisers of scientific conferences in particular have appreciated Graz as a conference destination for many years. Being Austria’s second largest city as well as an important research and business location, Graz has, with good reason, evolved into a renowned conference venue that enjoys an excellent international reputation. Every year, approximately 45000 conference guests make use of the historic and modern congress centres. They appreciate the city’s easy accessibility, as much as its sophisticated cuisine and famous Austrian hospitality. A variety of supporting programmes and day excursions, served with Styrian delicacies and regional wines, add culinary value to any event. Worth mentioning is the pleasant size of the Styrian capital. In fact, many of the excellent hotels are within walking distance of the conference centres. The rich choice of sights and cultural events is another decisive reason for choosing Graz.
The position is initially restricted to six years as a University Assistant with Doctorate, 40 hours per week according to § 99 para. 5 of the Universities Act. The successful candidate is expected to start on 01.04.2019 at the Institute of Interactive Systems and Data Science.

Upon agreement on a qualification agreement, the candidate will be appointed as assistant professor. As soon as the qualification agreement has been fulfilled, the position will be converted into a tenured position as associate professor.

The position will involve the following duties:

• Research on Natural Language Processing and Text-Mining
• Establishing an independent research group
• Scientific publications at international top conferences/journals
• Acquisition and management of third party funding for research (EU, FFG, FWF, industrial projects)
• Supervision of students degree thesis
• Independent teaching in the bachelor and master programs
• Service in the academic administration

The position will be paid according to category B1 of the collective agreement for employees of Austrian universities, stipulating a gross salary of € 4,111.70 (14 x per year).
"THE PROFESSORSHIP PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN EXTENDING EXISTING RESEARCH STRENGTH IN HEALTH CARE ENGINEERING AT TU GRAZ."

UNIV.PROF.DIPL.ING.DR. HORST BISCHOEF VICE RECTOR, GRAZ UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

APPLY NOW!
REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES

- PhD or equivalent, in computer science or related study
- Research focus on an area of Natural Language Processing and Text Mining that fits and strengthens the existing research at the institute
- Excellent scientific track record with publications at international top conferences/journals
- Motivation, experience and didactic skills for teaching in English
- Experience in the acquisition of research projects
- Network in the international scientific community

Graz University of Technology aims to **increase the proportion of women**, in particular in management and academic staff, and therefore qualified female applicants are explicitly encouraged to apply. Until a balanced ratio of men and women has been achieved at the university, preference will be given to women if applicants are equally qualified.

Graz University of Technology actively promotes **diversity and equal opportunities**. Applicants are not to be discriminated against in personnel selection procedures on the grounds of gender, ethnicity, religion or ideology, age, sexual orientation (Anti-discrimination). People with disabilities and who have the relevant qualifications are expressly invited to apply.
APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications with relevant documents (curriculum vitae incl. copy of all certificates, summary of scientific work in teaching and research) should be submitted at the latest by

03/12/2018
(email timestamp)

per email to the Dean of the Faculty of Computer Science and Biomedical Engineering at Graz University of Technology, Roderick Bloem, per email: applications.csbme@tugraz.at quoting the position identification number 7060/18/014.

The hearings for the professorship will take place in the weeks of 4 February to 15 February 2019. Candidates should be available for interviews in this period. For further questions please contact Rudolf Stollberger (rudolf.stollberger@tugraz.at).
CONTACT

Candidates should submit their detailed application to the Dean of Computer Science and Biomedical Engineering, Prof. Roderick Bloem: applications.csbme@tugraz.at.

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