

POSTDOCTORAL POSITION (M/W/D)

Towards a science of curiosity

The Max Planck Research Group on “Computational Principles of Intelligence” (PI: Eric Schulz) at the Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics and the Max Planck Research Group on “Autonomous Learning” (PI: Georg Martius) at the Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems in Tübingen, Germany, are looking to fill a jointly-funded **Postdoctoral Position (m/w/d) to work on Computational Theories of Curiosity in Humans and Machines**. The position will last for a minimum of 2 years and an extension for two more years is possible.

ABOUT THE POSITION

We are looking for a postdoc to join our labs working on theories of curiosity in humans and machines, **starting in April 2021** (starting date is negotiable). This is a joint position as part of a bigger project to work “Towards a Science of Curiosity” funded by the Volkswagen Foundation. The ideal candidate should hold a PhD in cognitive science, statistics, computer science, or any other computational field. Experience with behavioral, computational or machine learning methods (especially in robotics) and a record of publishing in peer-reviewed journals and conference proceedings are required. We are looking for a candidate who can bridge cognitive science and machine learning to work towards models of curiosity in free exploration tasks. Candidates should be keen to co-supervise students and become an essential part of a bigger project involving 3 PIs and 3 PhD-students in total.

HOW TO APPLY:

Please email a cover letter, CV and 1-2 representative publications, as well as the names and email addresses of 3 referees to Eric Schulz, eric.schulz@tuebingen.mpg.de, and Georg Martius, georg.martius@tuebingen.mpg.de. **The application deadline is February 28th 2021**. If you have any questions about the position, the research groups, or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact us directly. The Max Planck Society is committed to increasing the number of individuals with disabilities in its workforce and therefore encourages applications from such qualified individuals. The Max Planck Society strives for gender equity and welcomes applications from scientists from all backgrounds. We actively encourage applications from persons with disabilities. Applications will be reviewed until the position is filled.