



## Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Position at METU Language and Cognitive Development Lab

Middle East Technical University Language and Cognitive Development Lab (<https://langcog.metu.edu.tr/>) is looking for a doctoral and post-doctoral researcher interested in semantic and pragmatic processing to work in a project titled *Metaphor Processing and Its Relation to Other Cognitive Processes*. The project is supported by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) 1001 funding, which is awarded to Asst. Prof. Dr. Duygu Özge (<http://users.metu.edu.tr/duyguo>). The position is for 30 months (with a possibility of extension) and the project aims to examine the underlying mechanisms of metaphor processing, how these mechanisms develop from childhood to adulthood, and what other cognitive factors influence the development of metaphor interpretation abilities.

### Requirements:

- For the post-doc position: Applicants should hold a MA or PhD degree (or should be near completion of their PhD) in linguistics, developmental psychology, cognitive science, education, or a related field.
- For the PhD position: Applicants who have completed the required courses in the relevant doctorate program will be given priority for the doctoral researcher position.
- Strong skills in research methodology and statistics, demonstration of critical thinking abilities, collaboration skills, and strong verbal and written communication skills in academic English are essential.
- Excellent knowledge in the field of child language and/or semantics and pragmatics is required.
- Experience in semantic and pragmatic processing studies, child-language studies, eye-tracking studies, silent gesture studies, lab-based and/or empirical research, and programming is desirable.
- Solid publication record in the related areas is an asset.

### Responsibilities:

- Designing and programming psycholinguistic experiments using a variety of methods (e.g., reaction time, eye-tracking, and other behavioral methods).
- Pursuing independent and collaborative research in semantic and pragmatic processing.
- Collecting and analyzing data.
- Producing excellent research output and participating in academic and public outreach activities.
- Active involvement in the management of the research group, organizational tasks, and fund application.
- Possible supervision of graduate students and research assistants.

### Benefits:

- A monthly TÜBİTAK PhD scholarship (3.500₺) or post-doctoral scholarship (4.500₺)
- Reimbursement of expenses for national and international conferences
- Dynamic research environment and rich research resources

### How to apply:

Applicants are asked to send the following documents to: [lcd@metu.edu.tr](mailto:lcd@metu.edu.tr)

- A CV & a letter of motivation in English (2 pages)
- Copies of all previous degrees including detailed transcripts of records
- Name and e-mail addresses of two academic contacts for reference
- A 500-word summary of the MA/PhD thesis
- A sample writing (preferably among published papers)
- Other requirements for new PhD applicants:
  - <https://sbe.metu.edu.tr/en/english-language-teaching>
  - <https://oidb.metu.edu.tr/en/graduate-programs>

**Deadline:** June 10, 2021 for doctoral position / Open until filled for post-doctoral position

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us for your questions: [lcd@metu.edu.tr](mailto:lcd@metu.edu.tr)