As part of a project this is a 24 months position that can be split into two part-time roles.

This OCR-D coordination project initiated and funded by the DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) aims to develop a comprehensive procedure for the mass full text digitization of historical prints in the German-speaking countries. The University Library Mannheim has been participating in the OCR-D project since 2019.

Our project partners for the implementation project „Integration von Kitodo und OCR-D zur produktiven Massendigitalisierung“ are the SLUB Dresden as well as the University Library Braunschweig. The University Library Mannheim extends the visualization component Kitodo.Presentation and the DFG Viewer by the OCR-on-demand feature. Thus, users will be able to request a text recognition service even for those historical prints that have not been digitized yet.

The working language in this project is German or English.

Your responsibilities:

▪ Develop software (web application in TYPO3, PHP, JavaScript)
▪ Liaise with other OCR-D projects and users (libraries) to coordinate the requirements
▪ Compile documentation, presentations, and reports
▪ Assist with the Optical Character Recognition (OCR) of the digital copies as well as the following automated post-correction process
▪ Assist with the project management

Required:

▪ Completed university degree (Master’s degree or equivalent) in computer science or related field
▪ Interest in the OCR feature for historical prints

The University of Mannheim is a scientific university with an excellent track record in research and teaching. It has about 2.630 employees and about 12.000 students. In particular, in the field of economics and social sciences, which has traditionally been strongly represented, the University of Mannheim is one of the top-ranked universities both nationally and internationally. A special characteristic is the high degree of networking between the five faculties.

The University Library is the central information infrastructure unit of the University of Mannheim and is responsible for the provision of information to the university.

Start: at the earliest possible date
Limitation: 24 months
Job grading: TV-L E13
Working hours: currently 39.5 hours, divisible
Location: Mannheim, city center, palace
Reference code: UB-21/11
Application submission by
7 September 2021

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Proof of excellent command of at least one relevant programming language, preferably PHP, but also C++ or Java
Experience with web technologies and web programming
Independent problem-solving skills as well as project team collaboration
Very good command of English

Preferable:

- Familiarity with developing open source software
- Experience with Git as well as GitHub
- Eager to learn and apply new technologies
- Good command of German

We offer:

- A challenging and diverse position within an academic environment dealing with partner projects on a national level
- A workplace in the representative baroque palace in the center of the university campus; located near the city center and with a direct link to public transportation; 5 mins walking distance to the main train station
- Flexible working hours, 30 days paid annual leave (based on a full time position)
- A subsidized pass („BW-Job-Ticket“) for the local transportation
- Low priced lunch offers on-campus and in the city center
- The possibility to participate in the university sports program
- An annual salary according to TV-L E13 (http://oeffentlicher-dienst.info/tv-l/west/) and depending on individual qualifications, the standard social benefits as well as the benefits of the public service

Applications from persons with disabilities will be given preferential consideration by corresponding suitability. The University of Mannheim is striving to increase the proportion of women and therefore expressly encourages applications from suitably qualified women.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please send your application including the reference code UB-21/11 by 7 September 2021 to

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We require your application to be submitted electronically as one PDF file.

For subject-specific questions please contact Stefan Weil, Project Leader and Head of the Digital Library Services Department (stefan.weil@bib.uni-mannheim.de)