The Institute of Flight Mechanics and Controls seeks to hire multiple doctoral researchers (salary according to TV-L E13, full time) with start as soon as possible. The position is initially limited to three years.

The duties of the positions include:
- Research of theoretical and practical nature within the projects listed below.
- Publishing results in scientific conferences and journals.
- Opportunity to assist in the institute’s teaching (if desired).

**Urban Air Mobility** project in collaboration with leading industry partners.

**Project Goals:**
- Development, implementation and testing of new flight control methods for novel eVTOL demonstrator.
- Development and implementation of new state estimation/sensor fusion methods using data from a local radar-based positioning system.
- Investigation of efficient take-off and landing trajectories with respect to energy consumption, flight time and/or passenger comfort along with safety guarantees in the presence of position uncertainties.

**Autonomous Exploration** of small solar system bodies with novel type of lander spacecraft. In collaboration with leading industry partners.

**Project Goals:**
- Development of AI functionalities (machine learning) to enhance autonomy (problems involve: agile flight in low altitudes, interaction of maneuvers and observability, need to efficiently scan large areas for safe landing sites).
- Testing functions in a model in the loop and hardware in the loop test setup.
- Cooperation with project partners to solve challenges that arise in creating a novel GNC system.
- Evaluate the robustness of the developed AI functions.

**Sense and Avoid** concept for unmanned automated flight of a Cirrus SR22 aircraft in collaboration with leading industry partners.

**Project Goals:**
- Development of a metric to assess collision risks based on varying information on other air traffic.
- Investigation of trajectory generation and tracking for avoidance of cooperative and non-cooperative dynamic airspace objects.
- Stability analysis and verification methods for certification of the developed concept.

**Requirements**
- Engineering or Computer Science Degree (M.Sc.) with excellent grades
- Background/major in one of the following areas: system theory, AI/machine learning, flight dynamics, flight control
- Programming skills
- Excellent communication and writing skills (English)

The iFR is committed to increasing the number of women employed in scientific positions.

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