

Center for Multilingualism in Society Across the Lifespan (MultiLing) **Researcher (SKO 1109) at MultiLing's Socio-Cognitive Laboratory**

A Researcher position (SKO 1109) is available at the Center for Multilingualism in Society Across the Lifespan (MultiLing), at the Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies, University of Oslo, starting March 2019. As a Center of Excellence (CoE), MultiLing is externally funded, and continued employment will therefore be dependent on funding from other sources once the CoE funding period is over in June 2023.

The Researcher position is linked to MultiLing's Socio-Cognitive Laboratory, which opened in March 2018, as part of the University of Oslo's investment in developing world-leading research communities. The laboratory hosts a new 128-channel EEG system (BrainProducts ActiCHamp), an eyetracker (SMI), cutting-edge video recording equipment, and software (Presentation, E-Prime) for running behavioral experiments in three separate recording rooms.

MultiLing is a Center of Excellence funded by the Research Council of Norway that opened on June 1, 2013. The Center has successfully completed the Midterm Evaluation to secure funding for the second period of five years, until 2023. MultiLing aims to generate scientific knowledge on multilingualism across the lifespan, related to three themes: Multilingual competence, multilingual practices, and multilingualism, ideologies and language policies (for more information, see <http://www.hf.uio.no/multiling/>). The Research Strategy Plan for MultiLing's Second Five Year Period (2018 – 2023) can be found here: https://www.hf.uio.no/multiling/english/about/stratdok_endelig-uten_vedlegg.pdf.

MultiLing seeks to recruit candidates with excellent academic qualifications that are open, service-minded, well-organized and have strong collaboration skills. The advertised position will be associated with the Socio-Cognitive Laboratory. The candidate is expected to conduct her/his own lab-related research 50 % of the working time. In addition to conducting her/his own research, the successful candidate is expected to assist the researchers and collaborators of MultiLing in their studies in the laboratory. The tasks include training the researchers in the use of lab methods, helping them in setting up studies, creating paradigms, and providing support in the analyses. The successful candidate is also expected to actively develop and maintain daily laboratory practices and routines and to participate in promoting the visibility of the laboratory. Furthermore, the successful candidate will contribute to applying for external funding for the lab.

Requirements

- PhD or equivalent academic qualifications with a specialization in Linguistics, Psychology, Cognitive Science, or a related field
- Practical experience in conducting laboratory research (with, for example, EEG, eye-tracking, behavioral methods, or video transcription and analysis)
- Documented competence in experimental design, measurement, and analysis with one or several methods of the laboratory (for example, EEG/ERPs, eye-tracking)
- Strong coordination and collaboration skills
- Excellent written and spoken language skills in English

The following qualifications will count in the assessment of the applicants:

- Experience in research related to multilingualism, linguistics, and language processing
- Interest in learning new methods and tools and in technical development of the laboratory
- Programming skills
- Competence in statistical methods
- Academic qualifications and academic production relevant to the advertised position, with emphasis on works published within the last 5 years. Originality and innovative thinking will be weighted more heavily than quantity
- Pedagogical qualifications and ability to inspire students
- Service-mindedness and ability to create and contribute to a positive environment for collaboration and networking
- Ability to work independently and in a structured manner
- Knowledge of a Scandinavian language is an advantage

We offer

- Salary level XX-XX (XX - XX NOK per year, depending on qualifications)
- A dynamic and international working environment
- Interesting and challenging work assignments in experimental methods
- Extensive collaboration opportunities in addition to own research

- Possibilities for professional development, specialization and generalization of expertise
- Possibilities for financial support to organize workshops and to participate in international conferences
- Pension agreement with Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund
- Attractive welfare benefits

How to apply

Applicants must submit the following attachments with the electronic application, preferably in pdf format:

- Application letter describing the applicant's qualifications and motivation for the position
- Research proposal (3-5 pages) describing the candidate's plans for her/his own lab-related research 50 % of the working time
- Curriculum Vitae (complete list of education, positions, teaching experience, administrative experience and other qualifying activities, including a complete list of publications)

Please note that all documents must be in English.

Publications, MA theses or PhD theses and the like are not to be submitted with the application, but applicants may be asked to submit such information or works at a later date.

The short-listed candidates will be called in for an interview at the University of Oslo or we will arrange for an interview on Skype.

Formal regulations

Please see the guidelines and regulations for appointments to Research Fellowships at the University of Oslo.

According to the Norwegian Freedom and Information Act (*Offentleglova*), information about the applicant may be included in the public applicant list, also in cases where the applicant has requested non-disclosure.

The appointment may be shortened/given a more limited scope within the framework of the applicable guidelines on account of any previous employment in academic positions.

The University of Oslo has an agreement for all employees, aiming to secure rights to research results, etc.

The University of Oslo aims to achieve a balanced gender composition in the workforce and to recruit people with ethnic minority backgrounds.

Region:

Oslo

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