

Center for Multilingualism in Society Across the Lifespan (MultiLing)

1–2 Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in multilingualism

1–2 two-year Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (SKO 1352), financed by the Research Council of Norway, are available at the Center for Multilingualism in Society across the Lifespan (MultiLing) at the Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies, University of Oslo, starting April 2021.

MultiLing is a Center of Excellence funded by the Research Council of Norway and opened in June 2013. The Center successfully completed the Midterm Evaluation to secure funding for the second period of five years, until May 2023. MultiLing aims to generate scientific knowledge on multilingualism across the lifespan, related to three themes: Theme 1 Multilingual competence, Theme 2 Multilingual practices, and Theme 3 Multilingualism, ideologies and language policies (for more information, see <http://www.hf.uio.no/multiling/>). [MultiLing’s Research Strategy Plan \(MRSP\) for the Second Five Year Period \(2018 – 2023\) can be found here.](#)

MultiLing seeks to recruit postdoctoral candidates with excellent research qualifications who will work with MultiLing researchers collaborating on research as addressed in MultiLing’s Research Strategy Plan (MRSP). Projects aligned with MultiLing’s vision will be prioritized: “to contribute to how society can deal with the current challenges of multilingualism through increased scientific knowledge, and thus promote agency for individuals in society, and a better quality of life, no matter what linguistic and social background.” The announced positions are devoted to studies of multilingualism within one of the following areas:

- Minoritized languages and education
- Multilingualism, emotions and/or well-being

Education is used here in its broader sense as not only formal but also informal language learning and development. Furthermore, projects that draw on one or more of the following are encouraged: Globalization and North-South perspectives (MRSP 3.2), democracy and citizenship, embodiment/emotions (1.1, 2.1, 3.1), computer-mediated communication (2.4), multilingualism in public spaces (2.2, 3.3) and/or linguistic landscapes (3.3).

Applicants are expected to present an independent research project proposal, and must articulate how the proposed project fits in MultiLing’s Research Strategy Plan.

The successful candidates are expected to become part of MultiLing’s research environment and contribute to its development. The successful candidate is expected to strengthen the relevant research areas addressed above, to contribute to and participate in the various workshops, conferences and activities organized by MultiLing, and to be active members of the MultiLing team in Oslo.

The positions are available for a period of two years, starting April 1, 2021. The main purpose of postdoctoral research fellowships is to qualify researchers for work in higher academic positions within their disciplines.

Qualifications and Personal Skills

In assessing the applications, special emphasis will be placed on the quality of the project description and its relevance for MultiLing’s Research Strategy Plan. We seek strongly motivated, competent and internationally oriented candidates, with high-ranking academic qualifications in the relevant area of research.

Requirements

- The candidates should have a PhD degree or equivalent in Linguistics, Scandinavian languages, Second Language Acquisition, Rhetoric and Communication, Psychology, Linguistic anthropology or some other relevant discipline related to MultiLing’s work
- The doctoral dissertation must have been submitted for evaluation before the application deadline
- Experience in working on bilingualism or multilingualism
- Excellent written and spoken language skills in English

In the assessment of the applications, emphasis will be placed on:

- The project’s scientific merit, research-related relevance and innovation, and relevance for MultiLing’s Research Strategy Plan
- The applicant’s international experience and network
- The applicant’s academic and personal qualifications to carry out the project within the allotted time frame
- Good cooperative skills, and the ability to successfully join in academic collaboration within and across disciplines

- Personal suitability and motivation for the position

Good knowledge of a Scandinavian language will be an advantage but not a requirement.

We offer

- Salary NOK XXX – XXX (per annum depending on qualifications)
- A challenging and stimulating working environment
- 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
- Curriculum Vitae (complete list of education, positions, teaching experience, administrative experience and other qualifying activities, including a complete list of publications)
- Project description, including a detailed progress plan for the project (3 - 5 pages, see [Template for project description](#))

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 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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Home page:

<https://www.hf.uio.no/multiling/english/>

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