



The University of Oslo is Norway's largest institution of research and education with 28 000 students and 7000 employees. Its broad range of academic disciplines and internationally esteemed research communities make UiO an important contributor to society.

The Center for Multilingualism in Society across the Lifespan (*MultiLing*) is a Center of Excellence under the Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies at the Faculty of Humanities. The staff consists of a core group comprising 13 Professors, Associated Professors and Researchers, as well as Doctoral Fellows, Postdoctoral Fellows, Guest Researchers and Technical Administrative staff – in sum, about 40 employees. Moreover, *MultiLing* has an extensive network of national and international collaborative partners working on multilingualism at various research institutions. The Center aims to generate scientific knowledge on individual and societal multilingualism across the lifespan that will address the opportunities and challenges multilingualism presents for the individual in the family, school, other institutions, and society in general.

## Center for Multilingualism in Society Across the Lifespan/MultiLing Two Doctoral Research Fellowships

### Description

Two Doctoral Research Fellowships (SKO 1017) are available at the *Center for Multilingualism in Society across the Lifespan (MultiLing)* at the University of Oslo (UiO), starting March 2014.

*MultiLing* is a Center of Excellence funded by the [Research Council of Norway](#) and opened on June 1, 2013. It aims to generate scientific knowledge on individual and societal multilingualism across the lifespan that will address the opportunities and challenges multilingualism presents for the individual in the family, in educational and other institutional settings, and in society in general. *MultiLing* has a network of national and international collaborative partners working on multilingualism at various research institutions. The research profile of *MultiLing* is reflected in three mutually dependent and interrelated themes:

Theme 1: Multilingual competence across the lifespan

Theme 2: Multilingual language choice and practices across the lifespan

Theme 3: Management of multilingualism across the lifespan: Language policy and ideologies

*MultiLing* seeks to recruit PhD candidates with excellent research qualifications who will work within the range of the Center's research profile. A description of *MultiLing*'s three research themes is available [here](#). The two doctoral research fellowships are open in regards to theme. Although projects may be firmly anchored within one theme, interdisciplinary projects that successfully draw on perspectives from more than one theme will be given priority.

Successful candidates must participate in the research training program organized by the Faculty of Humanities (cf. [regulations and supplementary provisions for the faculty's researcher education](#)) and must engage in the designated research activities on a full-time basis. The purpose of the PhD Research Fellowship is research training leading to the successful completion of a doctoral dissertation (monograph or article-based) to be defended at a public defense for the doctoral degree. The successful candidate will be automatically accepted for the research-training program (PhD program) at the Humanities Faculty, UiO.

The positions are available for a period of three years starting from March 1, 2014.

### Qualifications and Personal Skills

In assessing the applications, special emphasis will be placed on the quality of the project description and on the assumed academic and personal ability on the part of the candidates to complete the dissertation within the given time frame. The short-listed candidates may be called for an interview at the University of Oslo.

### Qualifications

- a Master's degree in Linguistics or in a discipline related to *MultiLing*'s work,

- a project proposal for a doctoral dissertation in a relevant area of *MultiLing*'s research (maximum 14,000 characters including spaces).
- Good English language skills, both spoken and written, are required.

Project proposals must not exceed 14,000 characters including spaces. Applications with a project proposal longer than 14,000 characters will not be considered.

In the evaluation of the applications, emphasis will be placed on

- the project's scientific merit, research-related relevance and innovation
- the applicant's academic and personal qualifications to carry out the project within the allotted time frame
- the applicant's ability to complete the organized research training
- good cooperative skills, and the ability to successfully join in academic collaboration within and across disciplines.

**We offer**

- salary level 50 -56 (NOK 421 100,- - 465 300,- per year, depending on level of expertise)
- a challenging and stimulating working environment
- attractive welfare arrangements
- workout during hours, 1.5 h pr week

**Submissions**

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

- Application letter describing the applicant's qualifications and a specification of how the proposed project relates to the themes of *MultiLing* (maximum 2 pages)
- Project description (maximum 14,000 characters including spaces) for the research to be undertaken, including the topic of the project, issues to be examined, the chosen theoretical and methodological approach and a progress plan. See the template for [research proposals](#).
- CV (complete list of education, positions, teaching experience, administrative experience and other qualifying activities, including a complete list of publications)
- Grade transcripts from educational institutions attended
- Names and contact details of two references (name, relation to candidate, email address and telephone number)

Please note that all documents must be in English.

Publications, MA 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.

Applicants must submit a project description (approximately 5 pages, maximum 14,000 characters including spaces) outlining the research topic, the specific problems to be studied, the choice of scientific theory and method, and a schedule for the study.

The successful candidates will be expected to participate in the various workshops, conferences and activities organized by *MultiLing*, and to be active members of the *MultiLing* team in Oslo.

Please also refer to the regulations pertaining to the conditions of employment for research fellowship positions: <https://www.uio.no/english/about/regulations/research/doctoral-degree/index.html>

See also [Guidelines for appointments to research fellowships at the Faculty of Humanities](#).

The University of Oslo has an agreement for all employees, aiming to secure rights to

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

<b>Region:</b>	<b>Expected Start Date:</b>	<b>Reference number:</b>
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