



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/MutliLing Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship

One Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (SKO 1352) is available at the Center for Multilingualism in Society across the Lifespan (MultiLing) at the University of Oslo (UiO), starting in March 2014. The postdoctoral fellowship is earmarked for research on multilingualism in educational settings.

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 postdoctoral 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 postdoctoral fellowship is earmarked for research on multilingualism in educational settings related to one or more of the three themes. Although the project may be firmly anchored within one theme, interdisciplinary projects that successfully draw on perspectives from more than one theme will be given priority.

The successful candidates are expected to strengthen the relevant research areas addressed in the project description, 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 three years starting from March 1, 2014. There is a 10% duty component devoted to teaching or other qualifying work for MultiLing. The main purpose of postdoctoral research fellowships is to qualify researchers for work in higher academic positions within their disciplines.

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 project within the given time frame. Short-listed applicants may be invited for an interview at the University of Oslo.

Requirements

- A PhD in linguistics or in a discipline related to *MultiLing's* work (the dissertation must be submitted before the application deadline)

Good English language skills, both spoken and written, are required.

Qualifications and Personal Skills

We seek strongly motivated, competent and internationally oriented candidates, with high-ranking academic qualifications in the relevant area of research.

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

- the project’s scientific merit, research-related relevance and innovation
- the candidate’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.

We offer

- salary level 57 - 65 (NOK 473 400- 548 700 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:

- letter of application with an expression of interest and a specification of how the proposed project relates to the themes of *MultiLing* (maximum 2 pages)
- project description (approximately 5 pages) (the project description must clarify how the applicant will approach the postdoctoral project topic theoretically and methodologically, and present a feasible progress plan)
- Curriculum Vitae, including a list of publications
- Two letters of reference (should be sent separately by the reference, to Liv Simensen, Faculty of Humanities, PB 1079 Blindern, 0316 OSLO, Norway, or as an attachment to e-mail to l.e.simensen@hf.uio.no, within the closing day for applications.)

Please note that all documents must be in English.

Publications, doctoral theses and other similar documents 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.

See also [Regulations concerning Post-Doctoral Research Fellowships](#).

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

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

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