



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 MultiLing Center for Multilingualism in Society across the Lifespan is a Center of Excellence (CoE) under the Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies at the Faculty of Humanities, financed through the Research Council of Norway's CoE-Scheme. The staff consists of a core group comprising 13 Professors, Associate 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.

MultiLing, Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship within the project MultiFam

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 August 2015. The fellowship is part of one of MultiLing's research projects, which is entitled Family Language Policy in Multilingual Transcultural Families and is funded by the Research Council of Norway.

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's project description can be found [here](#).

MultiLing seeks to recruit a postdoctoral candidate with excellent research qualifications who will work with members of the research project Family Language Policy in Multilingual Transcultural Families (MultiFam), a project that draws on perspectives from all three of MultiLing's research themes. MultiLing seeks candidates with documented expertise relevant for MultiFam. The MultiFam project description can be found [here](#). Projects relating to ethnographic community profiling, focus group interviews, and in-home interactions are particularly welcome (see the MultiFam project proposal, section 2.2); however, other projects relating to family language policy in multilingual transcultural families will be considered. In the application, the candidate is expected to explain how the proposed project will contribute to MultiFam. Although the proposed project may be firmly anchored within one of MultiLing's three themes, interdisciplinary projects that successfully draw on perspectives from more than one theme will be given priority.

In the case of equally qualified applicants, an applicant proposing a project that addresses issues relevant for the multilingual situation in Norway will be given preference. Candidates with a minority language background relevant for the multilingual situation in Norway are encouraged to apply. Competence in Norwegian is not a requirement.

The appointee will be expected to engage in existing research groups in the Faculty of Humanities and to contribute to the further development of the academic community.

The successful candidate is 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 main purpose of postdoctoral research fellowships is to qualify researchers for work in higher academic positions within their disciplines.

The position is available for a period of three years starting from August 1, 2015. There is a 10% duty component devoted to teaching and supervision duties.

Requirements

- A Doctoral Degree in Linguistics or in a discipline related to MultiLing's work. The doctoral dissertation must be submitted for evaluation before the application deadline
- The candidate's project description must be closely connected to the research project's goals
- Good English language skills, both spoken and written, are required
- Personal suitability and motivation for the position

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 project's relevance for MultiFam
- 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 482 800 - 559 600,- depending on level of expertise)
- a challenging and stimulating working environment
- attractive welfare arrangements

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 MultiFam project (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
- CV (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, 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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