



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

Doctoral Research Fellowship within the project MultiFam

One Doctoral Research Fellowship (SKO 1017) 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 PhD candidate with excellent research qualifications who will work with members of the research project Family Language Policy in Multilingual Transcultural Families (MultiFam), a project at MultiLing that draws on perspectives from all three of MultiLing's research themes. [The MultiFam project description can be found here.](#) MultiLing seeks candidates with documented expertise relevant for MultiFam. 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 successful candidate 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 person appointed will be affiliated with the Faculty's organized research training. The successful candidate is expected to join the existing research milieu or network and contribute to its development. Read more

about the [doctoral degree](#).

The appointment is available for three years starting from August 1, 2015. The doctoral thesis is expected to be completed within the given time frame.

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 that is relevant for the MultiFam project (maximum 5 pages)
- good English language skills, both spoken and written

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 applicant's academic and personal qualifications in order 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 429 700 – 474 500,- 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 (5 pages) 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 project descriptions](#))
- 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

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.

The successful candidate will be expected to participate in the various workshops, conferences and activities organized by MultiLing, and to be an active member 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 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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