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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.

Center for Multilingualism in Society Across the Lifespan

Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship in clinical linguistics

Description

One Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (SKO 1352) in clinical linguistics is available at the *Center for Multilingualism in Society across the Lifespan* (MultiLing) at the Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies, University of Oslo (UiO), starting in August 2016. The fellowship is part of one of MultiLing's projects, namely *Language and Communication in Multilingual Speakers with Dementia in Norway* (MultiLing Dementia), 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 multilingualism across the lifespan, related to three themes: Individual multilingual competence, multilingual practices in communication and management of multilingualism in society (for more information, see <http://www.hf.uio.no/multiling/>). MultiLing seeks to recruit a postdoctoral candidate with excellent research qualifications who will work with members of the MultiLing Dementia project. The project description can be found [here](#).

The project aims to study (1) how language storage and processing are affected by age alone and by the combination of age and dementia in elderly monolingual and multilingual speakers, (2) what conversational strategies are used to facilitate good communication in the face of challenges and opportunities related to age, multilingualism and dementia, and (3) how questions of ageing, illness, impairment, communication, multilingualism and dementia are represented in policy documents, news media and other public documents.

The postdoc position is mainly devoted to the investigation of the first of these topics (subproject 1), but integration of aspects of the other topics in the project proposal is also welcome. The candidate will be in charge of contributing to the design of experiments, of carrying out data collection related to subproject 1 as described in the project description, of conducting analyses aimed at answering research questions 1 and 2 (cf. project description), and of writing articles for journal publications.

The successful candidate is expected to strengthen the relevant research areas addressed in the MultiLing Dementia project description, to contribute to and participate in the various workshops, conferences and activities organized by MultiLing, and to be an active member of the MultiLing team in Oslo.

The position is available for a period of three years starting from August 1, 2016. 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.

Requirements

- A Doctoral Degree in Linguistics, Communication, Psychology, Special Needs Education/Speech and Language Therapy or other disciplines related to MultiLing's work. The doctoral dissertation must be submitted for evaluation before the application deadline.

- The candidate's work must be closely connected to the goals of the research project.
- Knowledge and experience with experimental psycholinguistic methods and statistics.
- Good English language skills, both spoken and written.
- Knowledge of Norwegian is desirable.
- Knowledge of one or more of the following minority languages in Norway - Punjabi, Turkish and/or Russian - is desirable.

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
- Personal suitability and motivation for the position

We offer

- salary level 57 - 65 (NOK 483 700 - 560 700, 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:

- Letter of application with an expression of interest and a specification of how the proposed project relates to the MultiLing Dementia project(maximum 2 pages).
- Project description (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.

Please note that all documents must be in English.

Publications, doctoral thesis 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 [Acquisition of Rights Agreement](#) for the purpose of securing rights to intellectual property created by its employees, including research results.

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

Following the Freedom of Information Act (Offentleglova) § 25, Chapter 2, information about the applicant may be used in the public list of applicants even if the applicant opts out from the entry in the public application list.

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