

**PhD scholarships in Anthropological Linguistics
under the leadership of Professor Alexandra Aikhenvald
within the Language and Culture Research Centre, JCU, Australia**

Applications are invited, from suitably qualified students, to work under the leadership of Professor Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald (Australian Laureate Fellow). The project offers one or two PhD scholarships either (a) to work on an immigrant language in Australia, with a special attention to linguistic and social conceptualization of gender, or (b) to produce a comprehensive grammar of a language from the Sepik or an adjacent area of Papua New Guinea, also with a special attention to linguistic and social conceptualization of gender. Work will involve extensive immersion fieldwork.

Students will have to enter the PhD program of the Language and Culture Research Centre in James Cook University Australia. Supervision will be provided by Professors Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald, and R. M. W. Dixon, and other members of the Centre. These scholarships are embedded within the Australian Laureate Fellowship Project 'How gender shapes the world: a linguistic perspective',

PhDs in Australian universities generally involve no coursework, just a substantial dissertation. Good and comprehensive training in linguistics is **essential**. Candidates must thus have had a thorough coursework training before embarking on this PhD program. This should have included courses on morphology, syntax, semantics, and phonology/phonetics, taught from a non-formalist perspective. We place emphasis on work that has a sound empirical basis but also shows a firm theoretical orientation (in terms of general typological theory, or what has recently come to be called basic linguistic theory).

Distinguished Professor Alexandra Aikhenvald is Research Leader for People and Societies of the Tropics, and Australian Laureate Fellow. Together with Professor R. M. W. Dixon, she heads the Language and Culture Research Centre, which includes Research Fellows and a growing number of doctoral students. In addition, senior scholars from across the world opt to spend their sabbatical in the LCRC.

The scholarship will be paid at a higher level than the standard James Cook University rate (AUD \$27,652 pa). Students coming from overseas are liable for a tuition fee; but this may be waived in the case of a student of high merit. An appropriate allowance will be made to cover fieldwork expenses.

The deadline for applications is 30 November 2012.

Successful applicants would take up their PhD scholarships between January and June 2013.

It is absolutely essential that interested applicants should first get in touch with Professor Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald (Alexandra.Aikhenvald@jcu.edu.au), providing details of their background, qualifications and interests (including a curriculum vitae). Applicants are advised to send samples of their written work in linguistics (at least some of this should be in English). Competitive applicants will then be provided with details concerning the Project.

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