

**PhD scholarship 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) and Professor R. M. W. Dixon. The project offers a PhD scholarships to produce a comprehensive grammar of a language from the Sepik or an adjacent area of Papua New Guinea, with special attention to linguistic and social conceptualization of gender. Work will involve extensive immersion fieldwork in exciting and challenging location.

Students will 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.

This scholarship is 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 four Research Fellows and eight doctoral students. In addition, senior scholars from across the world opt to spend their sabbatical in the LCRC. This is the premier group in the world of linguistic scholars all working on theoretically informed language description.

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 is likely to be waived in the case of a student of high merit. An appropriate allowance will be made to cover fieldwork expenses and conference attendance.

The deadline for applications is 15 March 2013

Successful applicants should take up their PhD scholarships between June and September 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 application process.

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