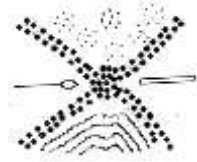


# Mirima Dawang Woorlab-gerring



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## Special Internship at Mirima Dawang Woorlab-gerring

Mirima Dawang Woorlab-gerring Language and Culture Centre (MDWg) is an Aboriginal organisation seeking to maintain, preserve and revitalise the Miriwoong language of the East Kimberley region of Western Australia.

In addition to our regular internship program involving stays of around 10 weeks we are currently looking for a linguist volunteer to assist us with a special task over a longer period of time. The successful candidate would spend up to 12 months at MDWg to help us streamline our language teaching resources and curriculum. Her/his responsibility would include working with our staff in developing a long-term language curriculum for the Miriwoong language, as well as supporting resource development and production for use in our various language education projects. The intern will work closely with our Indigenous language workers and Elders and under supervision by senior staff. The internship will also offer other ways of linguistic engagement, including some involvement with our language documentation efforts (grammar research and dictionary development) as well as language revitalisation programs.

### In brief - What we expect from applicants:

- A commitment to stay for 12 months (Australian residents)<sup>1</sup>
- A background in linguistics, language learning, resource development, and/or curriculum planning and the ability to acquire basic knowledge of an Australian Aboriginal language within a period of 6-10 weeks
- A demonstrated desire to support the revitalisation of an endangered language
- An open mind and strong respect for a culturally diverse environment and the ability to communicate and work harmoniously as part of a team
- A formal application including the following: cover letter stating the preferred starting date and suggested length of stay; CV showing any previous experience you may have had in the field of linguistics, fieldwork or work with Indigenous people; anything that would help us get to know you better

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<sup>1</sup> International applicants please note that Australian visa conditions for a working holiday visa allow a maximum stay of 6 months per host organisation.

What we can offer:

- A unique multicultural work environment and the opportunity to contribute to a successful language revitalisation program
- Being part of an ambitious team composed of linguists and language workers and the possibility to present at our *Mirima Linguistic Forum*
- Getting first-hand experience in documenting traditional cultural activities
- Participation in excursions and getting to know all of MDWg's activities (have a look at our website at [www.mirima.org.au](http://www.mirima.org.au))
- An air-conditioned work place with computer access
- A financial subsidy towards living expenses of AUD \$500 per week; logistic assistance in finding accommodation
- A one-off travel subsidy of up to AUD \$1,000 for transferring to Kununurra for a 12-month stay (please note that this allowance does not apply to departure costs).
- You will live in one of the most fascinating regions of Australia, a major tourist destination for travellers from around the world. The East Kimberley offers National Parks, rivers, lakes and untouched wilderness with countless outdoor adventure possibilities.

Challenges you might expect:

- Climate: during a year's stay you would experience the full range of the Kimberley climate including extreme temperatures, tropical storms and possible road closures. And - yes: we are REMOTE (Darwin is the closest major city, about 850 km from Kununurra).
- Community: be prepared for the fact that many members of the Indigenous community live under very challenging socio-economic conditions which may sometimes impact on work activities.
- Living costs: due to our remoteness living expenses are higher than average. Expect to spend most of your subsidy on housing and sustaining a basic lifestyle. For more details about potential costs please contact us.

A selection process will apply. The suggested starting date is any time from 1 July 2015 or as close as possible to this date.

Please submit your applications by 10 June 2015.

We recommend that you send us a brief expression of interest before applying formally.

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