

Mirima Dawang Woorlab-gerring



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2016 Standard Internships at Mirima Language Centre

Mirima Dawang Woorlab-gerring Language and Culture Centre (MDWg) is an Aboriginal organisation seeking to document and revitalise the endangered Miriwoong language of the East Kimberley region (Western Australia/Northern Territory).

Our Standard Internship program engages linguist volunteers for a period of 10 or more weeks to assist us with our various tasks related to language revitalisation. We are currently inviting applications for 2016. While there are limited placements available, we would encourage applications for any time during the year. Exact dates will be fine-tuned once the successful candidates have been confirmed. The volunteer will get insight into the typical operations of a language centre, including language documentation, literacy training, language teaching, grammar research as well as technical and administrative tasks.

While MDWg is not in a position to pay any compensation we have limited funds to subsidise the costs for accommodation (for details please enquire). Being a not-for-profit organisation, MDWg is unable to contribute any funds towards travel expenses. What we can offer is an unforgettable experience working with the local Miriwoong and Gajirrabeng population, hands-on knowledge about the issues of language revitalisation and some skills related to the work of a field linguist. Our current projects also include a Miriwoong Language Nest, radio broadcasts and a variety of other activities focussing on language revitalisation.

Applicants should have a background in languages and linguistics, be open to working in a diverse cultural environment, and probably have some sense of adventure, including a tolerance to Kimberley temperatures. While Kununurra is located in one of the most beautiful areas of the country, please note that the region may experience extreme weather conditions, depending on the season. The nearest regional centre is Darwin in the Northern Territory (ca. 900 km).

If you are interested in joining MDWg for an internship please get in touch with us and send your expression of interest to: Dr. Knut Olawsky, Senior Linguist; e-mail: info@mirima.org.au. Upon receiving your EoI we will forward you further details on how to apply.

We look forward to hearing from you!