

Mirima Dawang Woorlab-gerring



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Internship at Mirima Language Centre

Become a volunteer for the Miriwoong Language Nest!

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). The **Miriwoong Language Nest** is a very successful, immersion-based Early Childhood Education Program for young children who learn to use Miriwoong through fun and friendly activities such as simple talk, storytelling, songs, games, arts and crafts. The program is currently reaching an average of 400 children per week, working with 7 local partner organisations.

This Internship will engage a volunteer for a period of 10 or more weeks to work with our team of 6 Indigenous women and a Coordinator to strengthen our capacity to train for and practice session delivery and develop resources for the Miriwoong Language Nest. The volunteer will get insight into the typical operations of the Language Centre and the Miriwoong Language Nest in particular as well as experience with Indigenous culture and life in Australia.

While MDWg is not in a position to pay any salary for this role, we have limited funds to subsidise the costs for accommodation (for details please enquire). What we can offer is an unforgettable experience working with the local Miriwoong population, hands-on knowledge about the issues of language revitalisation and Indigenous languages in Australia as well as for the intern to gain experience related to teaching endangered languages.

We are also open to internships for a longer period of time (6-12 months), for which a higher living subsidy can be made available.

Applicants should have a background in one or more of the following fields: languages or linguistics (especially sociolinguistics), education, Indigenous studies, or social work. They should 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 Australia, 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). A Working with Children Check will be required for engagement with our learner groups.

If you are interested in joining MDWg for an internship please get in touch with us and send a simple 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 are hoping to engage an intern as soon as possible, on a first-come-first-serve basis, subject to the criteria indicated above.

We look forward to hearing from you!