

Language Nest Facilitator

(Early Childhood Indigenous Language Education)

Summary:

The Miriwoong Language Nest offers an exciting opportunity for the right individual to change the lives of Indigenous children through education. You will work with our Indigenous language engagement officers to develop and deliver immersion-based Miriwoong language sessions and be open to expand the program.

Details:

Mirima Dawang Woorlab-gerring Language and Culture Centre (MDWg)'s mission is to revitalise the traditional Miriwoong language and culture by employing a range of strategies and initiatives. We are looking for a suitably qualified and experienced individual as Language Nest Facilitator (LNF) to continue the work of our highly successful Early Childhood language learning program, based on principles of the *Language Nest* model. The approach is immersion-based and will require the LNF to acquire and use Miriwoong in the delivery of daily sessions to learners aged 0-10, in collaboration with our team of Indigenous Language Engagement Officers (LEOs).

The LNF's role will include but not be limited to the joint preparation and delivery of learning sessions as a team, development of new modules and lessons, reporting to and liaising with partnering organisations, as well as providing training to new team members. The role will also entail the delivery of professional development of our team in the areas of ESL as well as pedagogical skills.

A valid Working with Children Check, driver's licence and Police clearance are prerequisites for this position. Due to the complexity of the role we are looking for someone to commit for 2 years. Subsequent ongoing employment will be subject to the availability of funding.

Essential skills include a tertiary degree in a relevant discipline, preferably in Education or Applied Linguistics, the ability to positively interact with Indigenous children and staff, and a high level of commitment to dealing with an endangered language. The ideal candidate will have a background in language teaching and curriculum development, as well as relevant linguistic knowledge in order to understand and analyse the complex grammatical structures of Miriwoong.

The desired starting date will be in October 2019.

Salary:

SACS Level 4/5 PP1, corresponding to \$65,327-\$74,238 p.a., subject to qualification and experience, plus benefits

Application procedure:

If you are interested in this position, please request an application pack with further details by contacting Mr Knut J. Olawsky on manager@mirima.org.au before applying.

Applicants are expected to submit a comprehensive CV and a letter addressing the selection criteria by or before 28 February 2019.

Website:

<http://www.mirima.org.au>