

Language Services Facilitator (full-time)

at Mirima Dawang Woorlab-gerring Language and Culture Centre (MDWg)

Summary:

The Language Services Facilitator (LSF) at MDWg works with a team of Miriwoong language support officers to develop, prepare, and deliver a range of language revitalisation activities, including language teaching, bilingual radio programs, and resource development. The LSF also collaborates with senior staff to facilitate the delivery of language lessons as part of our early childhood language education program.

Position 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 currently in search of a suitably qualified individual to work with our team of Indigenous staff in a unique blend of supervision and collaboration.

Miriwoong language classes represent the most crucial aspect of MDWg's language revitalisation efforts and our team of four language support officers work with a range of learner groups to develop and improve the knowledge of the critically endangered Miriwoong language. Some of the groups we engage with include at-risk youth, while the team also supports the operation of our Miriwoong Language Nest - MDWg's highly renowned early childhood education program. The LSF's role includes but is not be limited to the joint preparation and delivery of learning sessions as a team, development of new modules and lessons, liaising with partnering organisations, as well as providing mentoring and coaching to Indigenous staff.

Other aspects of MDWg's language revitalisation efforts include the development and recording of regular bilingual radio programs in Miriwoong and English, as well as supporting staff in developing language learning resources, such as books, posters, games, or electronic media. Our Indigenous staff are partial speakers of Miriwoong and all language output produced is discussed and verified with Elders at our regular Miriwoong Knowledge Cycle.

To learn more about our organisation please visit our website at www.mirima.org.au.

Prerequisites

A valid Working with Children Check, driver's licence and Police clearance are prerequisites for this position. We are looking for someone to commit for 2 years, however will consider alternatives if no long-term candidates are available. Subsequent ongoing employment will be subject to the availability of funding.

Essential skills include a tertiary degree in a relevant discipline, the ability to positively interact with Indigenous people, and a high level of commitment to dealing with an endangered language. The ideal candidate will have a background in linguistics and/or language teaching, including relevant linguistic knowledge in order to understand and analyse the complex grammatical structures of Miriwoong.

Salary:

Benefits for this full-time position include a base salary of \$54,972-\$61,296 p.a. (SACS Award Level 2-3, subject to qualification and experience), plus additional benefits and attractive salary sacrifice options.

Start date:

The position is currently vacant and an immediate start is negotiable. We expect to occupy the position no later than January 2021.

Application procedure:

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

Applicants are expected to submit a comprehensive CV and a letter addressing the selection criteria by or before 15 November 2020 - early applications are encouraged. The selection panel reserves the right to appoint a suitable candidate before the end of the deadline for submissions.