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Internship at MDWg

Mirima Dawang Woorlab-gerring Language and Culture Centre (MDWg) is an Aboriginal organisation seeking to preserve and revitalise the Miriwoong language of the East Kimberley region of Western Australia. Our language revitalisation initiatives include a wide range of activities, including a language education program for children, resource development, provision of Miriwoong language classes, and development of bilingual radio broadcasts. For the time from late September 2021, we are offering a successful applicant the opportunity to get to know MDWg's language revitalisation activities through an internship over a period of 6-12 months.

Successful candidates will have the opportunity to get to know the various aspects of our language revitalisation program. Our most important program is the Miriwoong language Nest, which currently reaches 400 children in the Kununurra area. The intern will engage with our team of Miriwoong language engagement officers and support training activities, lesson planning, resource development, and radio broadcasts. On most days, the intern would accompany our Miriwoong team to language sessions in a supporting function.

While MDWg is not in a position to offer a paid role, we have limited funds available to subsidise the costs for accommodation (details available separately). All interns are engaged as volunteers and their involvement does not constitute employment on any salary of wage. What we can offer is an unforgettable experience working with the local Miriwoong community, hands-on knowledge about the issues of language revitalisation and some skills related to the work of a linguist or educator in the Indigenous sector. For students currently enrolled at a university, a part-time engagement may be negotiable.

All internships require a valid WA Working with Children Check and National Police Clearance. MDWg is prepared to reimburse the cost for these applications.

Applicants should have a background in linguistics, education, languages, Indigenous studies, or related fields, be open to working in a diverse cultural environment, and probably have some sense of adventure, including a tolerance to the Kimberley climate.

In order to apply, please send us a brief expression of interest first, indicating your preferences for the internship length and indicative start date. We will then respond with a detailed description. A simple selection process applies. While there is no deadline, we will start reviewing applications immediately and reserve the right to appoint a suitable candidate at our discretion.

Contact:

Please e-mail your expression of interest to Mr Knut J. Olawsky, <u>manager@mirima.org.au</u> We look forward to hearing from you.