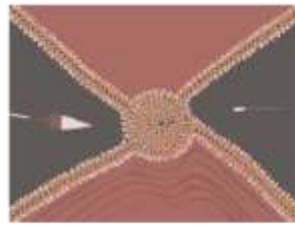


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T/A MIRIMA DAWANG WOORLAB-GERRING LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CENTRE



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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 (Western Australia/Northern Territory). 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 2023, we are offering a successful applicant the opportunity to get to know MDWg's language revitalisation activities as a volunteer.

In recent years we have noticed that long-term stays provide the highest benefit to both the intern and the organisation, which is why we are looking at a duration of 6-12 months for this opportunity.

The successful candidate will get to know the various aspects of our language revitalisation program. MDWg manages an early childhood language learning program (Miriwoong Language Nest) which reaches about 500 young learners on a weekly basis. The focus of the intern's engagement will be negotiated with the successful candidate. Typically, this may include engaging with our team of Miriwoong language engagement officers, as well as supporting different forms of training, lesson planning, resource development, or radio broadcasts.

While MDWg is not in a position to pay any compensation, we have limited funds to subsidise the costs for accommodation and living expenses (details upon request). 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 through interacting 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 costs for these applications.

Applicants should have a tertiary education background in languages, linguistics, teaching, 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 Kimberley temperatures.

In order to apply, please send us a brief expression of interest first, indicating your preferences for the time and duration of an internship. We will then respond with a detailed description and invite you to submit a detailed application.

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 Knut J. Olawsky, ceo@mirima.org.au

We look forward to hearing from you.