**Five Year Research fellowship in Linguistics — James Cook University Australia**

Great opportunity for a Research Fellow with a focus on linguistics to make a significant contribution to the Language & Cultural Research Centre at JCU

* Work for a world-leading University
* Opportunity to work on your own approved research project
* Great opportunity to have work life balance in Tropical North Queensland
* $89,859 - $106,029 plus 17% superannuation

We offer an exciting opportunity for a **Research Fellow** to join our world-leading institution at James Cook University (JCU). Initially a fixed term appointment to December 2022, this position is based at the Cairns campus in picturesque tropical north Queensland, where you can enjoy a tropical lifestyle whilst still achieving your career goals.

**About the position**

Under the leadership of the Directors of the Language and Cultural Research Centre (LCRC), Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald and R. M. W. Dixon, the Research Fellow will work within the LCRC to supervise PhD students who will be writing theoretically informed grammars of previously undescribed (or scarcely described) languages. They will also have the opportunity to work on their own research project, spanning the five-year period of the appointment and dealing with a focal issue in typology, or cross-linguistic research focused on a language family or an area (cast in terms of basic linguistic theory).

**Key duties:**

* Work on your approved research project;
* Make significant contributions to the Centre’s research profile through participation in research activities, outputs and collaborations;
* Supervise and co-supervise PhD students within the Language and Culture Research Centre;
* Publish academic papers, and monographs, and present papers at scholarly forums.

**Prospective applicants** will also have their own research project, spanning the five-year period of the appointment and dealing with a focal issue in typology, or cross-linguistic research focused on a language family or an area (cast in terms of basic linguistic theory). The applicant should provide a summary (of not more than 1000 words) setting out their proposed research project. This should include (a) outline of the topic to be investigated, (b) methodology to be followed, and (c) projected outcomes (book, papers, etc). The applicant is also expected to provide the names of two academic referees. The applicants are encouraged to contact Distinguished Professor Aikhenvald ([aliexandra.aikhenvald@jcu.edu.au](mailto:aliexandra.aikhenvald@jcu.edu.au)) in the first place.

**About you**

Already holding a doctoral degree or have a doctoral thesis under examination (the doctorate will have to be confirmed before the appointment is taken up) in descriptive linguistics with a research focus on a non-European language or languages, you will have experience of linguistic fieldwork and will, ideally, have already completed a grammatical description of a language that had not previously been described in terms of basic linguistic theory (not your native language). The University may consider cases in which the period since the award of the doctorate is in excess of five years (due to special circumstances).

**You will also have:**

* the ability to conduct research in anthropological linguistics and linguistic typology, with particular attention to language analysis, and the production of high quality publications in refereed outlets;
* the ability to articulate a feasible and ambitious 5-year research proposal;
* well-developed organisational and time management skills with the ability to apply sound judgement and manage competing deadlines;
* the ability to attract fellowship grants and research funding and work collaboratively on research activities.

**About the Language and Cultural Research Centre (LCRC)**

Located in the College of Arts, Society and Education, the LCRC brings together linguists, anthropologists, social scientists and those working in the humanities with the primary aim to investigate the relationship between language and the cultural behaviour of those who speak it, and the relations between anthropology, cognition studies and linguistics.

**Why JCU**

Consistently ranked in the top 2% of universities worldwide, JCU is one of the world’s leading institutions focussing on the tropics and offers a culturally diverse working environment with opportunities for professional and personal growth.  JCU prides itself on being dedicated to teaching, learning and research that is not only of high quality, but also delivers practical benefits to the peoples and industries of the region.

**We also offer:**

* generous superannuation scheme with 17% employer contributions
* five weeks’ annual recreation leave
* flexible working arrangements
* attractive options for salary packaging
* well-equipped, modern facilities
* enthusiastic, committed and talented staff
* balance of work and life so you can enjoy a relaxed lifestyle that supports a diverse range of leisure and sporting interests.

**How to Apply:**

jobs@jcu website:  <https://www.jcu.edu.au/careers-at-jcu/vacancies>**;** Click on the ‘apply now’ button to be taken to JCU’s career page where you can find out more information and download a PD and application instructions.

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Applications close: 16 July 2017