

PhD position in Language Contact at the University of Queensland

Applications are now being sought for a PhD position in the Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery project Trilingual language contact in an Indigenous community (Chief Investigators: Felicity Meakins and Rob Pensalfini). This project is the first investigation of a trilingual Indigenous community, Elliott (NT), where children grow up hearing Jingulu, Mudburra and Kriol. It examines how people at Elliott manage multiple languages and how these languages have changed through mixing processes such as creolisation and code-switching. The project is funded for the period early-2015 to early-2018

The PhD position will be located at the University of Queensland, and situated within the Linguistics program in the School of Languages and Comparative Cultural Studies (<http://www.slccs.uq.edu.au/?page=124851>). The PhD student will be a member of the project team consisting of Meakins, Pensalfini and one other PhD student. The PhD project will be a study of language contact between Barkly Kriol, Mudburra and Jingulu. The PhD student will be expected to undertake substantial fieldwork in Elliott in the Northern Territory, and will also have to opportunity to participate in the compilation of a Mudburra dictionary and an ethnobiology.

PhD applicants will need to successfully apply for an Australian Postgraduate Award (or other suitable scholarship e.g. UQ Research Scholarship), but will receive generous fieldwork funding, equipment and conference travel funds.

Interested applicants should contact Felicity Meakins (f.meakins@uq.edu.au[<mailto:racheln@unimelb.edu.au>](mailto:racheln@unimelb.edu.au)) for further details, and provide the following:

1. CV with educational qualifications, any publications and other relevant experience (e.g. fieldwork, relevant internships)
2. Transcript of prior undergraduate and/or postgraduate degrees (must have at least 80% average to be competitive)
3. If relevant, other materials supporting your case (e.g. relevant articles or other materials)

Deadline: 1 January 2015

Approved applicants will then make a formal application for enrolment and scholarship through the regular University of Queensland system, by 14 January 2014.

<http://www.uq.edu.au/grad-school/scholarships-and-fees>