Call for Applications for Post-Doctoral Fellowship with Research Partnership NEȾOLṈEW̱ ‘One mind, one people’

Working to understand and enhance Indigenous adults’ contributions to reviving Indigenous languages in Canada

The University of Victoria’s Department of Indigenous Education (Victoria, Canada) invites applications for a limited term Post-Doctoral Fellowship position. The appointment is for one year, with the potential for extension for a second year. The position is salaried at $48,940 per annum and available after June 1, 2018, until filled.

The six-year NEȾOLṈEW̱ ‘One mind, one people’ Research Partnership between UVIC and nine Indigenous community Partners works to understand and enhance Indigenous adults’ contributions to reviving Indigenous languages in Canada. Increasingly, adults are identified as the “missing generation” of learners who hold great potential to contribute to the revival of Indigenous languages in Canada by acting as the middle ground between Elders, children and youth within their communities. It is within this context that our Partnership addresses Indigenous adult language learning.

Our study captures the overlapping sites where Indigenous adults learn their language, as well as sites where they are able to pass it on to others. We also develop tools for language learning assessment and testing these with interested Partners. The foundational connection between language and wellbeing and the overarching goal to document language revitalization efforts across Canada frame and unite the research themes of our project. Please visit www.netolnew.ca for further descriptions of the project and research themes.

The project is supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) through a Partnership Grant.

Responsibilities:
The successful applicant, under the supervision of Dr. Onowa McIvor, will carry out independent research related to Indigenous adult language learning. Responsibilities include:

- Develop and carry out community-based research related to Indigenous language learning
- Participate in Partnership knowledge creation and sharing, including presenting at All-Partners’ Gatherings and other relevant conferences, as well as publish in academic journals and other relevant media
- Contribute expertise to at least one research theme (see www.netolnew.ca).
Eligibility requirements:
- Completed a PhD in a discipline relevant to Indigenous language revitalization, including but not limited to education, linguistics, anthropology, public health, language assessment, etc. *Ideally*, but not necessarily, the PhD will have been completed in the four years immediately prior to the start.
- Lived experience in an Indigenous community
- Knowledge of an Indigenous language
- Demonstrated research experience related to Indigenous language revitalization, adult language learning, or similar fields
- Participation in community-based and community-driven projects
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively with excellent communication skills
- Willing to work or regularly meet on site at UVIC (negotiable)
- **International applicants:** Interested applicants who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada will need to apply for a work permit and/or visa in order to come to Canada for their fellowship. Obtaining these documents is the applicants’ responsibility and the process can take up to several months or more depending on where you are from. Information on work permits and other requirements can be found at [Citizen and Immigration Canada](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/index-can.asp). UVic has immigration guidelines to help plan for a potential position at [https://www.uvic.ca/immigration/](https://www.uvic.ca/immigration/).

Application requirements:
Qualified candidates should send (by email, as PDF attachment) the following materials:
- A cover letter addressing the eligibility requirements
- A statement of research intent related to the research themes, max. 2 pages
- Curriculum Vitae
- List of two (2) references, including contact details (reference letters will be required for final decisions)
- Two (2) writing samples (published or unpublished) that best exemplify your scholarly work, along with an explanation of your role in each sample.

Questions related to the application process or position can be addressed to netolnew@uvic.ca. Please send application materials electronically to netolnew@uvic.ca.

Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2018.