Edge Hill University

It is important to note that this job description is a guide to the work you will initially be required to undertake. It may be changed from time to time to meet changing circumstances. It does not form part of your contract of employment.

Job description for the post of:

**Postdoctoral Research Assistant in Linguistics
(Descriptive and Typological)
Fixed Term for 12 months
EHR0086-0720**

The post-holder will be:

Accountable to: **Head of Department**

Reporting to: **Research Project Leader**

The Post

This post is enabled by the award of a Leverhulme Research Grant RPG-2020-247 to Professor Anthony Grant for the following project entitled, "Working with native speakers of the Pearl Lagoon Basin Miskitu Language." This project aims to use up-to-date techniques and equipment to collect linguistic material sufficient for a comprehensive grammatical, textual, syntactic and lexical description of this stable mixed language and its culture (which blends Amerindian, African and European elements). This is a previously undescribed form of a Misumalpan (Amerindian) language of Nicaragua, and it has undergone profound influence from over three centuries of contact with Caribbean Creole English and latterly from Spanish. This has led to a combination of linguistic elements which is unique in the world's languages.

The duties and responsibilities of this post are as follows.

- Create text corpus of Pearl Lagoon Basin Miskitu (PLM) texts
- Transcribe materials
- Create and maintain lexical file for dictionary creation
- Collaborate in writing articles and chapters.
- Library research.
- Other tasks assigned by the project leader.

Specific duties and responsibilities

The post holder will be expected to:

a) Engage positively in Project-based research activity in the broad area of Descriptive and Typological Linguistics under the direction of the project lead/principal investigator.

b) Complete high-quality research in the area of Descriptive and Typological Linguistics and associated subject areas, leading on creating a corpus and lexical file for dictionary creation, under the direction of the PI.

c) Publish research outputs in leading peer-reviewed journals with an international audience, as lead author where appropriate.

d) Effectively disseminate research findings at internal and external scientific meetings and conferences, making research accessible to lay and expert audiences.

e) Engage with relevant academic and professional networks through active membership of societies, associations etc.

f) Ensure that their skills and technical competence are kept under review and enhanced where required to enable them to utilise specialist equipment and software used in the research projects.

g) Assist in the development of the research skills of postgraduate students through engagement in the academic life of the department; for example, through participation in seminars and practical workshops.

h) Contribute to relevant departmental and research group meetings.

i) Undertake additional duties, as required by the project lead/principal investigator or Head of Department.

In addition to the above, all Edge Hill staff are required to:

a) Adhere to all Edge Hill's policies and procedures, including Equality and Diversity and Health and Safety

b) Respect confidentiality: all confidential information should be kept in confidence and not released to unauthorised persons

c) Undertake appropriate training and development as required

d) Participate in Edge Hill's Performance Review and Development Scheme

e) Adhere to Edge Hill University's environmental policy and guidelines and undertake tasks in a sustainable manner

f) To demonstrate excellent Customer Care in dealing with all internal and external stakeholders.

Employees with an academic research contract are eligible for the REF and research outputs would be expected.

Contract Type:	Academic Research
Salary:	Grade 7, points 27 - 30 £30,942 - £33,797 per annum
Hours:	1.0 fte
Pension:	Teachers' Pension Scheme
Annual Leave:	35 days per annum

It is expected that the post-holder will work flexibly according to the on-going demands of the job.

Candidates should note that they will be shortlisted based on information provided on the application form with regard to the applicant's ability to meet the criteria outlined in the Person Specification form attached.

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CRITERIA
Applicants should be able to provide evidence of their ability to meet the following criteria.

		Essential	Desirable	*Method of assessment
Qualifications				
1.	PhD in Linguistics or associated discipline	*		A
Experience and Knowledge				
2.	Detailed understanding and knowledge of linguistics sufficient to develop comprehensive grammatical, textual, syntactic and lexical descriptions including practical knowledge of corpus linguistics and the creation of sound files	*		S/I
3.	Previous experience of conducting high quality research involving using typological insights for developing descriptions of languages	*		S/I
4.	Experience of publishing high quality academic peer reviewed articles		*	S
5.	A reading knowledge of Spanish	*		A
6.	Experience of working in multi-disciplinary research		*	S/I
7.	Experience of teaching undergraduates and postgraduates, including supervising research projects		*	S/I

	Essential	Desirable	*Method of assessment
Abilities/Skills			
8. Able to communicate new and complex information effectively, both verbally and in writing, engaging the interest and enthusiasm of the target audience (both lay and expert)	*		S/I
9. Able to present research results at department meetings and conferences	*		I/P
10. Able to work on own initiative, organising and prioritising work effectively to meet deadlines	*		S/I
11. A self-starter, able to work independently and without supervision as well as part of a team	*		S/I
12. Ability to operate flexibly and reliably, adapting to change as required	*		S/I
13. Able to develop and maintain effective working relationships at all levels	*		S/I
14. Able to work within ethical guidelines and maintain high levels of research integrity at all times.	*		S/I

*__Method of Assessment__
(I-Interview, A-Application, S-Supporting Statement, T-Test, P-Presentation)
Please note that applications will be assessed against the Person Specification using this criteria.