 

# **ADAM MICKIEWICZ UNIVERSITY, POZNAN**

**ANNOUNCES**

**COMPETITION: 2 SCHOLARSHIPS**

**AT THE FACULTY OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES**

RESEARCH PROJECT: **WEAVE-UNISONO**

PROJECT TITLE: **Diachrony of linguistic features in South Asian Languages (DiaSAL)**

**Basic information**

1. **Research discipline (research field):**

Language sciences

Details: linguistics

1. **Number of work hours per week including a task-based work schedule (if applicable):**

1/5 - 8h per week

1. **Type of an employment contract and expected duration of employment, i.e.:**

Scholarship 1.01.2025-30.06.2026

1. **Anticipated job starting date:**

01.01.2025

1. **Workplace location:**

Institute of Oriental Studies, Faculty of Modern Languages and Literatures

Adam Mickiewicz University

ul. Grunwaldzka 6

60-780 Poznań

Poland

1. **Conditions of employment:**

Scholarship

- study grant: 1000 zł per person

Source: Weave-UNISONO DEC-2023/05/Y/HS2/00111

1. **Application deadline and process:**

Application deadline: 23.12.24

Application process: the complete application in one PDF document should be sent electronically to: **stroniu@amu.edu.pl**

1. **Required documents**

* Application form/letter of the candidate;
* *Curriculum Vitae;*
* Diplomas or certificates issued by colleges and universities attesting to education and degrees or titles held (in case of academic degrees obtained abroad - the documents must meet the equivalence criteria set out in Article 328 of the Act of 20 July 2018 Law on Higher Education and Science (Journal of Laws of 2022, item 574 i.e. as amended; Polish: Dziennik Ustaw 2022 poz. 574 z póżn. zmianami);
* Information on the Applicant’s research, teaching and organizational achievements,
* List of publications
* Consent to the processing of personal data as follows : *In accordance with Article 6 (1) (a) of the General Data Protection Regulation of 27 April 2016. (OJ EU L 119/1 of 4 May 2016) I consent to the processing of personal data other than: first name, (first names) and surname; parents’ first names; date of birth; place of residence (mailing address); education; previous employment history, included in my job offer for the purpose of the current recruitment.”;*

**Conditions of the competition determined by the competition** **committee**

1. **Determination of qualifications: (researcher profile) according to the Euraxess guidelines**

**X (R1)** **First Stage Researcher** (up to the point of Ph.D.)

1. **Job Offer description**

The faculty of Modern Languages and Literatures at Adam Mickiewicz University is seeking to appoint a student (research assistant) on 1/5 time, a fixed-term stipend contract for the period 1.01.25-30.06.26 in the project Diachrony of linguistic features in South Asian Languages (PI prof. Krzysztof Stroński AMU)

* The positions are available as of 1.01.2025, and are suitable for someone with a master-level education in Indo-Aryan linguistics or a related discipline and an interest in linguistic typology with emphasis on morphosyntactic issues. Familiarity with corpus linguistics and/or quantitative methods is desirable but not required. The candidates will be offered to have first-hand experience in working in the collaborative research team composed of the Principal Investigator: Prof. Krzysztof Stroński, as well as Prof. John Peterson the PI of the German leg of the project.

1. The main objective of the proposed project is to develop a historical account of areal trends with respect to (presently) 236 typological features in 18 modern and pre-modern varieties of New Indo-Aryan (NIA) and New South Dravidian (NSD) languages, including Kashmiri, Chambiyali, Garhwali, Kumaoni, Punjabi, Rajasthani, Braj, Awadhi, Nepali, Maithili, Assamese, Bengali, Marathi, Konkani, Dakkhini (Indo-Aryan), and Kannada, Malayalam and Tamil (Dravidian). The project will make use of and contribute to existing typological platforms, above all the Kiel South Asian Typological Database. The combination of historical and modern data for individual languages from two different families from throughout the subcontinent will contribute to a better understanding of structural changes in these languages, in particular with respect to language contact, and will go beyond simply identifying features pertaining to a linguistic area. In doing so it will also serve as a basis for developing a typology of contact situations of general interest beyond just South Asian linguistics.
2. By incorporating information on the morphosyntactic features from modern and historical stages of the Indo-Aryan and Dravidian languages into the existing Kiel South Asian Typological Database, we hope to answer questions such as the following, among others:
3. How did the observed distributional patterns found in the modern languages develop?
4. How can deviations from the predominant areal patterns be explained?
5. Is it possible to delineate historical language-contact areas?
6. Do we find continua with respect to linguistic structures, e.g. Pahari-Kashmiri continuum (Indo-Aryan) or a Konkani-Kannada continuum (Indo-Aryan / Dravidian)?
7. Is there evidence that DOM spread from Dravidian to Indo-Aryan or vice versa? Or are these independent developments in Indo-Aryan and Dravidian?
8. Do the same verbs in different languages tend to show “dative subject” or “genitive subject” marking? Do these form a coherent class? Do they tend to show the same alignment patterns or convergent developments in different regions of the subcontinent?
9. Are the observed changes in gender systems areal tendencies or unrelated individual developments or due to contact?

For more information about the project please contact the PI Prof. Krzysztof Stroński ([stroniu@amu.edu.pl](mailto:stroniu@amu.edu.plm)).

**Main responsibilities of the student**

The students will be involved in the whole duration of the project and contribute to its theoretical, methodological, and empirical aspects along the lines specified above. They will be responsible for: a) collection of data on features of the modern languages; b) corpora building for earlier stages of NIA; c) ascertaining the values of the features for the database in the corpora of earlier stages of Indo-Aryan and comparing these with their contemporary descendants and d) a data-based general typology of language contact

The students will also contribute to development of the project methodology and will be required to disseminate the research results to the scholarly community in conference presentations and publications.

1. **Requirements and qualifications:**

The competition is open to individuals who meet the requirements specified in Article 113 of the Law on Higher Education and Science of 20 July 2018 (Journal of Laws of 2022, item 574, i.e. Article 113 as amended) and who meet the following requirements:

1. M.A. in linguistics
2. Strong motivation to conduct research in linguistic typology
3. High proficiency in English
4. At least advanced knowledge of one NIA language an workable knowledge on at least one early variety of NIA
5. Good organizational skills
6. Good social skills and ability to work collaboratively with others
7. Ambition to pursue an academic career
8. **Required languages:**
9. Language: English, one IA language
10. Level: fluent

1. **Required research, teaching or mixed experience**

**Required professional qualifications:**

1. a strong background in language sciences with a specialization in Indo-Aryan linguistics
2. an interest in historical linguistics and diachronic typology
3. expertise in corpus linguistics and/or quantitative methods
4. documented communication and presentation skills in English

**Additionally, the ideal Ph.D. candidate should:**

1. be able to research under the supervision
2. demonstrate the ability to collect data under the supervision
3. be capable of critical analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of new ideas
4. be able to explain the outcome of the research to the team participants
5. have documented experience in handling text data and large-scale database
6. have documented experience identifying patterns and trends in large data sets
7. have documented research achievements, including publications
8. **Benefits**

* an atmosphere of respect and cooperation
* supporting employees with disabilities
* flexible working hours
* remote work applicable
* funding for language learning
* co-financing of training and courses
* additional days off for education
* life insurance
* pension plan
* savings and investment fund
* preferential loans
* additional social benefits
* bike racks

1. **Eligibility criteria**
2. M.A. in the field of Indo-Aryan linguistics: 2 points
3. High proficiency in English: 1 point
4. High proficiency in one IA language – 1 point
5. Awards and distinctions: 1 point
6. Publication record (scientific articles published and/or under review): 2 points
7. Experience with writing a grant application and funding capture: 2 points
8. Experience in working in research projects: 3 points
9. Experience with presenting research findings at international conferences: 2 points
10. Experience in organizing scientific events (e.g. conferences, workshops, meetings): 1 point
11. Experience with online data collection: 2 points
12. Excellent social skills and ability to work collaboratively with others: 2 points
13. **The selection process**
14. Competition committee begins working no later than 14 days after the deadline for submission of documents.
15. Formal evaluation of submitted proposals.
16. Call to provide additional or missing documents if necessary.
17. Selection of candidates for the interview stage.
18. Interviews for candidates who meet the formal requirements.
19. The committee has the right to request external reviews of candidates’ work or to ask candidates to conduct teaching assignments with an opportunity for student evaluation.
20. Other..........NO….
21. The chair of the competition committee announces the results and informs the candidates. This information will include justification with a reference to candidates’ strengths and weaknesses. Submitted documents will be sent back to candidates.
22. **Prospects for professional development:**

* informing the student about the forthcoming workshops and events dedicated to career development organized at Adam Mickiewicz University (AMU)
* supporting the student in critically reflecting on and updating the objectives set in AMU
* monitoring the student’s progress in achieving his/her objectives
* supporting the student’s integration with the local scientific community by enabling him/her to participate in events organized by AMU, both of a scientific nature (e.g. seminars, conferences for doctoral students) and of a social nature
* ensuring collaboration with foreign experts

**RODO Information Clause :**

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2. The personal data controller has appointed a Data Protection Officer overseeing the correctness of the processing of personal data, who can be contacted via e-mail: iod@amu.edu.pl.
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4. The legal basis for the processing of your personal data is Article 6(1)(a) of the General Data Protection Regulation of 27 April 2016 and the Labour Code of 26 June 1974. (Journal of Laws of 1998 N21, item 94 as amended).
5. Your personal data will be stored for a period of 6 months from the end of the recruitment process.
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