

Seeking Research Assistant Strathy Language Unit

The Strathy Language Unit, a research unit at Queen's University focusing on the study of Canadian English, is looking for a primary research assistant for a language study project: "A Canadian English Case Study: Wolfe and Amherst Islands". The goal of the project is to collect audio and video recordings (interviews, stories, and dialogues) of Wolfe and Amherst Islanders and then to transcribe the recordings, compile them in a database, and prepare them for linguistic analysis. The primary research assistant will assist the Principle Investigator (Strathy Director, Anastasia Riehl) with all aspects of the project. In addition, the primary research assistant will work with several other research assistants to be hired in Fall 2011 to help with the transcription of the recordings.

Tasks:

- Periodic travel to Wolfe Island (and possibly Amherst Island) for data collection
- Recording interviews, stories, dialogues (audio and video)
- Transferring, storing, and organizing digital audio data
- Organizing the participation of transcription assistants

Number and distribution of hours:

- Total hours from May 2011-March 2012: 200
 - May 2011-August 2011: approximately 80 hours
 - September 2011-March 2012: approximately 120 hours, 5 hours per regular academic week
- Schedule is flexible
- Possibility of additional hours (optional) during spring and summer 2012

Work locations:

- Strathy Language Unit (Mackintosh-Corry)
- Wolfe Island
- Other off-campus/from home

Qualifications:

Required:

- Completion of LING 100
- Great interpersonal skills
- Highly organized
- Ability to work independently

Beneficial:

- Completion of other LING courses especially LING202, LING475
- Experience with linguistic fieldwork
- Experience with audio recordings
- Experience with transcription

To Apply:

Please submit the following documents to Anastasia Riehl, either by email (riehla@queensu.ca) or in hard copy (Mackintosh-Corry F406), by April 15, 2011.

- Letter of interest
- CV
- Transcripts
- Names and email addresses of two references

Other job possibilities

The Strathy Language Unit will also be hiring 1-3 additional research assistants to help with the transcription of the audio files. We will begin a search for these positions in Fall 2011. If you think you might be interested in applying, please feel free to get in touch now.

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