



VISITING RESEARCHERS' PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

What are the criteria for eligibility?

To be eligible to apply for the Visiting Researcher program at the Centre for Language in Social Life you are required to -hold an appropriate undergraduate degree -be engaged in a postgraduate research degree or relevant research project which draws on or extends one of the key research areas of the Centre: systematic functional linguistics, interactional linguistics, or discourse analysis.

www.ling.mq.edu.au/clsl

How many Visiting Researchers does the Centre accept per year?

The Centre will accept up to five Visiting Researchers per year, depending on the availability of key Centre Members providing support.

What are the teaching and research requirements I'll be expected to meet?

Visiting Researchers are expected to make at least one presentation on their research, to engage with other scholars in the community, and to attend relevant seminars and meetings. There are no teaching obligations.

What time can I visit?

Visiting Researchers can apply to visit for periods up to 12 months. Longer placements may be negotiated. You can arrive at any time during the year, but it may be useful to take account of the University's semester dates as Centre Members are more likely to be available during semester.

Semester 1 2005: 28 February – 10 June (plus examination period: 15 – 29 June)

Semester 2 2005: 1 August – 11 November (plus examination period 16-30 November)

What resources will I be able to access?

Centre Resources:

Visiting Researchers have access to shared computer and desk facilities, email, a small library and meeting space in the Centre. You will also have access to Centre Members' time for consultation, by negotiation with individual Members. You are welcome to attend Department of Linguistics events and activities.

University Resources:

Visiting Researchers have associate borrowing rights at the University Library. Visiting Researchers can also use the Macquarie University Sports Association facilities (fees apply), although you are not eligible to access facilities at same rate as enrolled students and staff. For details see www.musa.mq.edu.au.

Can I attend classes?

Visiting Researchers can audit Macquarie University linguistics classes without paying fees. No formal statement of attendance will be issued. Please contact the Department of Linguistics Postgraduate Office (lingpgo@ling.mq.edu.au) which will make arrangements with the relevant lecturer. It may also be possible to arrange with specific academic staff to audit linguistics classes at other universities.

What are the university fees?

Visiting Researchers are not required to pay Macquarie University fees to take up a position as a Visiting Researcher. However, if you intend to enrol in an award program of study, you will be required to apply and go through the enrolment procedures. Please visit Macquarie International for more information at www.international.mq.edu.au/study/postgraduate/index.html

Where can I stay?

As a Visiting Researcher, you will need to arrange your own accommodation. Centre staff may assist by making some suggestions and providing some contact details, depending where you wish to stay. The following sites provide information about on campus accommodation:
www.international.mq.edu.au/StudentServices/AirportAccomm/index.html

What do I need to do about insurance?

As a Visiting Researcher, you need to arrange your own travel insurance, including appropriate Overseas Health Insurance, prior to your visit in your country of origin.

How do I find out about visa requirements?

You need to arrange the appropriate visa prior to your visit in your country of origin. Please contact the Australian embassy/consulate in your country. For your information, there is currently a category of Australian visa called the 'Visiting Academic visa (subclass 419)' which provides for a temporary stay for academics to visit Australia to observe or participate (without remuneration other than for living expenses and travel costs) in research projects at the invitation of an Australian tertiary institution or research organisation. For this visa, you will need to provide a letter of invitation from the University (a letter will be provided by the Centre if your application for the Visiting Researchers program is successful), and also a statement from your home institution which confirms the invitation to visit and that your leave from your usual academic appointment will be granted. For up to date information on the current Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs requirements, see
<http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/special-activity/419/index.htm>

Do I have access to any funding?

The Centre does not offer funding to Visiting Researchers. However you may wish to investigate general University schemes, such as the 'Macquarie University Visiting Scholar Scheme': an internal grant scheme which provides support (travel costs and living expenses only) for visits to Macquarie University by research scholars of demonstrated standing in the international academic community to participate in research programs for a maximum period of 8 weeks (see <http://www.research.mq.edu.au/researchers/funding/internal>).

Are there any policies or procedures I have to follow if conducting research when a Visiting Researcher at the Centre?

The conduct of research projects supported under all internal Macquarie University Schemes is subject to the provisions of the Privacy Act and other statutory provisions relating to ethics and biosafety, the joint NHMRC/AVCC statement and guidelines on Research Practice, and the rulings of the Biosafety and Ethics committees of the University. Macquarie University has devised a set of documents to assist researchers in satisfactorily carrying out their study. These may be accessed at http://www.research.mq.edu.au/policy/policy_procedures.

You are asked to acknowledge the support of Centre if you produce any publications which are largely based on your work at the Centre.

How do I maintain contact with the Centre's activities after returning home?

The Centre maintains a category of membership called 'Associate', which you may nominate to join. If accepted as an Associate you will have access to the Centre's Bulletin and Events, and you will be asked to provide updates on your research for inclusion in the Centre's Bulletin. Collaborative research and conference opportunities, sabbatical visits and exchanges, dissertation examining, and joint publications are also encouraged.

How do I apply?

To apply to be a Visiting Researcher at the Centre, please complete the Application Form on the Website and return it to:

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The Director, Centre for Language in Social Life
Department of Linguistics, Division of Linguistics and Psychology
Macquarie University, NSW 2109
Australia.

Applications can be submitted at any time. You will receive a response usually within 6 weeks of the Centre receiving your application.

For further information please see the Centre's website at www.ling.mq.edu.au/clsl or email: clsl@ling.mq.edu.au.