

Internship Announcement

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Background

The Department of Linguistics, Assam University, Silchar, is looking for qualified internees to assist in the Dimasa digital archiving project for the Bodo and Dimasa Heritage Digital Archive (<https://bododimasaarchive.org>) from January to March, 2025. The project on “Digital Archiving of Dimasa language and culture heritage” is an ongoing ICSSR sponsored Major Research Project under the mentorship of Dr. Monali Longmailai (Project Director), Prof. Kh. Dhiren Singha (Co-Project Director), Assam University, Silchar and Prof. Christina Wasson (Co-Project Director), University of North Texas (UNT), USA from 2023 to 2025. The archive uses Mukurtu, a content management system from Drupal platform to preserve and promote indigenous heritage of Dimasa.

Internship Available: Digital Archivist/Field Assistant

Job Responsibilities and Objectives

- 1) The internees will assist in creating cultural categories for digital preservation and promotion of Dimasa indigenous languages and cultures.
- 2) They will assist in compiling heritage dictionary for documenting Dimasa speech varieties, artifacts, and existing names and historical names.
- 3) They will interlink Media files from Vimeo, watermarking designs and patterns for image and video files, learning digital copyrights and creating Cultural/Community Protocol, Traditional Knowledge labels.
- 4) They can explore allied fields of linguistics such as ethnolinguistics, sociolinguistics, anthropolinguistics, corpus linguistics, language documentation, language technology, linguistic landscaping, folkloristics and incorporate their ideas and knowledge from these subjects into Mukurtu.
- 5) They can create Collections for compilation of material production for communities, such as learner books, primer, story books, arts and craft, literature, and related content.

Learning Outcomes

- 1) The internee will be trained to use Mukurtu for creating community based digital archive.
- 2) S/he will be taught basic skills of linguistic fieldwork for such digital archiving purposes.
- 3) S/he will be given training on creating database for the digital archiving.
- 4) The internee will also learn collaborative research models in digital archiving for using Mukurtu.

Duration

The current Internship will be for duration of 3 months for the session from January to March, 2025.

Eligibility

The candidate must have either completed/pursuing Master's in Linguistics/Sociology/Anthropology programme. Preference for the internship will be given to candidates having competence of the Dimasa language, good writing skills, and field experience in language documentation and/or archiving.

Stipend and Fee

The Internship programme will be undertaken without any pay from the host institution. The programme further shall have no fee cost. However, nominal honorarium may be given to candidates without financial support from the project fund.

Assessment

The candidate will be trained to use Mukurtu in the first month of the internship. In the second month, s/he will conduct fieldwork and create a digital archive. In the third consecutive month, s/he will create collections of digitized data and publish them in the portal. S/he will have to submit monthly assessment report to the supervisor followed by a viva in due course of completion of the internship programme.

Application Instruction

Candidates must submit a Curriculum Vitae (CV), marksheets, and any other relevant documents scanned with a Cover Letter duly signed to monalilong@gmail.com on or before December 23, 2024.

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