

Program in Linguistics 9-month Limited Term Appointment

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Department: Linguistics
Type of Employment: 9-month Limited Term Appointment
Group Affiliation: SMUFU
Preferred Start Date: August 1, 2025

The Program in Linguistics at Saint Mary's University invites applications for a **9-month** Limited Term Appointment (including 4 weeks for preparation) at the rank of Assistant Professor, to commence **1 August 2025**. This is a contractually limited-term position, as described in 10.1.10(c) of the Collective Agreement between the University and the Faculty Union.

Job Information and Responsibilities

The primary responsibility of the successful candidate will be to teach a standard load of **2.5 full course equivalents** (FCE) at the undergraduate level, as outlined below. Upon mutual agreement with the Program Coordinator and an honours student, they may also supervise an undergraduate honours thesis in Linguistics; this additional work would be recognized with an honorarium in accordance with 16.5.1(c) of the Collective Agreement. The successful candidate will also be expected to hold regular office hours, to engage in scholarship, and generally to be an active member of the Linguistics Program and of Saint Mary's University.

Experience and Education Requirements

The ideal candidate will have completed a Ph.D. in linguistics or a very closely related field and will have a demonstrated ability to teach linguistics effectively at the undergraduate level, particularly in areas relevant to the courses listed below. Applications will also be considered from candidates who are ABD and close to completing a Ph.D. in linguistics, if they have relevant teaching experience. Candidates should also have a record of scholarship in linguistics or a closely related field. Applications from candidates who can contribute to the Indigenization and/or decolonization of the University and its curriculum are particularly welcome.

Courses

The successful candidate will teach a standard load of 2.5 FCE, including the following four courses:

LING 1200 – Introduction to Linguistics (1.0 FCE; fall 2025 and winter 2026; TR 11:30–12:45 p.m.)

LING 2309 – Phonetics (0.5 FCE; fall 2025; TR 4:00–5:15 p.m.)

LING 2310 – Sound Patterns in Language I (0.5 FCE; winter 2026; MW 2:30–3:45 p.m.)

LING 4510 – Topics in Applied Linguistics (0.5 FCE; winter 2026; TR 2:30–3:45 p.m.)

The specific topic for LING 4510 has not yet been set. Candidates are encouraged to include in their application a brief proposal for a topic.

All courses are expected to be taught in person on the Saint Mary's University campus. Course descriptions and academic regulations can be found in the Undergraduate Academic Calendar, which is available online at <https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/>.

Application Details

Candidates should submit the following materials by e-mail to linguistics@smu.ca:

- a letter of application outlining their qualifications for the position and the specific combination of courses they propose to teach;
- a curriculum vitæ;
- a transcript (unofficial) of their postgraduate studies;
- names and contact information of three referees who will be able to comment on the candidate's teaching and/or scholarship

All materials should be attached as .pdf files; multiple files may be combined into a .zip or .gz archive. Reference letters need not be sent at the time of application; referees will be contacted directly if their input is required. All applications must be submitted on or before **14 March 2025**. Inquiries may be directed to the program coordinator, Dr. Egor Tsedryk, at egor.tsedryk@smu.ca.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, preference will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Salary, benefits, and conditions of employment will be governed by the Collective Agreement between Saint Mary's University and the Saint Mary's University Faculty Union (SMUFU). A copy of the current collective agreement can be found at <https://www.smu.ca/about/collective-agreements.html>. Additional information about working at Saint Mary's can be found online at <https://www.smu.ca/about/working-at-smu.html>.

At Saint Mary's University, equity and diversity are integral to excellence and enrich our community. As an institution committed to fostering an environment of inclusion and respect, we welcome applications from women, Indigenous peoples, racialized persons/visible minorities, persons with disabilities, persons of minority sexual orientation or gender identity and others who might contribute to the growth and enrichment of our community. Applicants are encouraged to self-identify. If you require accommodations during the recruitment process, please contact hr@smu.ca.

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