TEACHING POSITION: General Linguistics

Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures
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The Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures at Queen’s University invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for a 1-year term adjunct position, teaching five 3.0 credit (one semester) courses annually in the Linguistics program. The courses to be taught are LING 101/3.0 Introduction to Linguistics: Words, Sentences and Meaning, LING 102/3.0 Introduction to Linguistics: Sounds, Signs, and Perception, LING 340 Syntax, LING 415 Semantics, and LING 435 Advanced Morphosyntax. Expected enrolments are 140 for LING 100; 40 for LING 340, LING 415, and 25 for LING 435. Subject to budgetary approval, the position may be extended to a second year.

Candidates should have completed or be nearing completion of a PhD, with a research specialization relevant to one or more of the courses to be taught. Ideally, the candidate will also have relevant teaching experience at the university level. This is a one-year term adjunct appointment, from July 1 2024 to June 30 2025.

All courses are scheduled to take place in-person. Pursuant to the QUFA Collective Agreement, Queen’s reimburses reasonable commuting costs for bona fide transportation and lodging expenses for candidates who reside more than seventy-five (75) kilometers from Kingston. Candidates who move to Kingston will be reimbursed for moving costs up to $2000.

The university will provide support in its recruitment processes to applicants with disabilities, including accommodation that takes into account an applicant’s accessibility needs. If you require accommodation during this process, please contact: Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, Mary Smida at llcuadm@queensu.ca, 613-533-2113.

The academic staff at Queen's University are governed by the Collective Agreement between the Queen's University Faculty Association (QUFA) and the University, which is posted at Collective Agreements/LoU’s/MoA’s. Compensation is described in Article 42; the per-course stipends for term adjuncts are described in Article 42.4, and benefits are described in Article 42.6.

The University invites applications from all qualified individuals. Queen’s is strongly committed to employment equity, diversity and inclusion in the workplace and encourages applications from Black, racialized/visible minority and Indigenous people, women, persons with disabilities, and 2SLGBTQ+ persons. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, in accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority. Applications from all qualified candidates will be considered in the applicant pool. In order to support your employment at Queen’s, we require you to indicate whether or not you will need a work permit.

Applications should include a complete and current curriculum vitae, names and contact information for two (2) referees who may be contacted, and any other relevant materials the candidate wishes to submit for consideration (such as a letter of intent, teaching dossier, etc.). Please arrange to have applications sent by e-mail to Mary Smida (llcuadm@queensu.ca) or by mail directly to:

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Questions about the position from potential applicants can be sent by email to Dr. Bronwyn Bjorkman, Department Head of LLCU (bronwyn.bjorkman@queensu.ca).

Applications will be received until May 10, 2024. Review of applications will commence shortly thereafter, and the decision will be made and communicated to applicants by May 31. Final appointments are subject to budgetary approval. Additional information about the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures can be found at https://www.queensu.ca/llcu.

Course Descriptions:

LING 101 Introduction to Linguistics: Words, Sentences, and Meaning Units: 3.00
An introduction to the linguistic study of language, focusing on the analysis of words (morphology), sentences (syntax), and meaning (semantics and pragmatics). We investigate patterns of similarity and difference across the languages of the world, the cognitive representation of linguistic knowledge, and social aspects of language use.
Requirements: Prerequisite None.

LING 102 Introduction to Linguistics: Sounds, Signs, and Perception Units: 3.00
An introduction to the linguistic study of language, focusing on the production and perception of both sounds and signs in human languages (phonetics), and the patterns into which signs or sounds are organized in different languages. We also review topics relating to language acquisition and social variation.
Requirements: Prerequisite None.

LING 340 Syntax Units: 3.00
This course provides a foundation in syntactic analysis and explanation. The course focuses on the relation between structure and meaning and assumes the framework of Universal Grammar Theory. Topics covered include thematic roles, case, anaphora, NP movement and WH movement.
Requirements: Prerequisite LING 100 or permission of the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures.

LING 415 Semantics Units: 3.00
The aim of this course is to provide students with an understanding of the fundamental concepts and tools of analysis in semantics. Students will learn to recognize and identify different features of word meaning and a variety of semantic relations between words and sentences. The characteristics of logical relations and truth-function semantics and the role these play in the interpretation of words and sentences will be discussed.
Requirements: Prerequisite LING 340 or permission of the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures.

LING 435 Advanced Morpho-Syntax Units: 3.00
This course addresses advanced topics in the interface between morphology and syntax from a comparative perspective, drawing on evidence from different languages. Readings are selected from the current research literature, and the class includes a substantial component of student presentations and class discussion.
Requirements: Prerequisite LING 330 and LING 340.

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