

**University of Alberta**  
**Department of Linguistics**  
**Chair, Department of Linguistics**

The Department of Linguistics in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Alberta invites applications for the position of Department Chair with tenure at the associate or full professor level. The Department consists of eleven full-time, continuing faculty members and currently is home to 40 graduate students at the Masters and PhD level. The Department of Linguistics has a strong commitment to empirical and experimental approaches to linguistic research and its members conduct investigations in phonetics, the morphosyntax and semantics of Amerindian languages, child bilingual acquisition, child language impairment, corpus linguistics, psycholinguistics, phonology, cognitive linguistics, child and adult 2<sup>nd</sup> language acquisition, language documentation and revitalization, computational historical linguistics, and sociolinguistics. More information about the Department can be found at [www.linguistics.ualberta.ca](http://www.linguistics.ualberta.ca).

The Chair will be someone with a strong sense of collaborative leadership and a clear commitment to continuing to develop the Department's standing within the University, within Canada, and internationally on the cutting edge of data-centered approaches to the study of human language and linguistic development. The Chair will support a culture of grantsmanship and will contribute to the development of graduate and undergraduate programmes in the Department and will foster the activities of the in-house research facilities—the Centre for Comparative Psycholinguistics, the Language Documentation Research Cluster, Alberta Phonetics Lab, and the Language Acquisition Lab; an active participation in one or more of these groups would be expected.

Candidates with demonstrated administrative experience will be preferred, and must hold the PhD, together with a distinguished record in university teaching and research (including a strong track record of appropriate grant activity) in areas of interest to the Department. The successful candidate should have strong interpersonal communication skills and a commitment to excellence in teaching and research, as well as a scholarly track record suitable for appointment at a senior rank.

The University of Alberta, one of Canada's largest and most accomplished research universities, is situated in Edmonton, a metropolitan area of over one million with a vibrant artistic community and excellent standard of living. Established in 1908 as a board-governed public institution, the University of Alberta has earned the reputation of being one of the top five universities in Canada based on its strengths in teaching, research and service. The University of Alberta serves over 38,000 students in more than 200 undergraduate and 170 graduate programs ([www.ualberta.ca](http://www.ualberta.ca)). The Faculty of Arts is the oldest and most diverse faculty on campus, and one of the largest research and teaching centres in western Canada ([www.arts.ualberta.ca](http://www.arts.ualberta.ca)).

Salary is negotiable and will be commensurate with experience.

This competition will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. The selection committee will begin consideration of candidates December 31, 2011. To receive consideration, applications (including an up-to-date *curriculum vitae* and the names of at least three referees), nominations, or expressions of interest should be submitted in confidence to:

Dean Lesley B. Cormack  
Faculty of Arts  
University of Alberta  
6-33 Humanities Centre  
Edmonton, Alberta Canada T6G 2E5

Competition No.: A107315909

Closing Date: Will remain open until filled.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Alberta hires on the basis of merit. We are committed to the principle of equity in employment. We welcome diversity and encourage applications from all qualified women and men, including persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities, and Aboriginal persons.