

Chancellor's Fellowship in Linguistics and English Language

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Linguistics and English Language at The University of Edinburgh

The University of Edinburgh, founded in 1583, is one of the six leading research universities in the UK. The Linguistics & English Language subject area has 23 permanent staff and a large population of postdoctoral researchers, visitors, and Honorary Fellows. The department is housed in a new state-of-the-art building (the Dugald Stewart Building) located near George Square. The main University Library is only a few minutes' walk away across an attractive garden square, and there is easy access to the University's other central facilities and colleagues in other departments. The School was formed in 2002 from the departments of Philosophy, Psychology, Theoretical and Applied Linguistics and English Language and is part of the College of Humanities and Social Science. The Head of College is Professor Dorothy Miell. The Head of School is Professor Andy McKinlay, and the Head of Linguistics and English Language is Professor John Joseph.

Research

In the most recent Research Assessment Exercise, the University of Edinburgh was shown to have produced 30% of all the top rated work (categories 4 and 5) in linguistics within the UK, and in 2011 and 2012 it figured in the world top ten for linguistics in the QS ranking. The department includes the following research groups:

Centre for Speech Technology Research
Developmental Linguistics
English Language
Institute for Historical Dialectology
Language Evolution & Computation
Language in Context
Language Variation & Change
Phonetics & Phonology
Syntax & Semantics

For more information on the research environment in Linguistics and English Language, go to: <http://www.lel.ed.ac.uk/>

Facilities within Linguistics and English Language

The department has excellent facilities for research and teaching including research laboratories, a fully-equipped small research facility for EEG/ERPs and a state of the art sound laboratory.

Post Requirements

The successful applicant is expected to have demonstrable potential for world-class research. Candidates specializing in quantitative approaches to language typology and phylogenetics, or in discourse analysis, will have an advantage in the selection process; however, our intention is to appoint those who can make the strongest contribution to our research and teaching programmes overall.