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Developing Content and Language Integrated Learning – Resource and Training
Centre for a Multilingual India CLIL@India
Erasmus+ Programme | Capacity Building for Higher Education

Vacancy: Research Associate

Applications are invited for **one position** as Research Associate at the CLIL Resource and Training Centre, Manipal Academy of Higher Education. This is a 12-month assignment co-funded by the Erasmus Program of the European Union.

CLIL@India Overview

CLIL@India - *Developing Content and Language Integrated Learning - Resource and Training Centre for a Multilingual India* - is co-financed by the European Commission under the Erasmus+ program, Capacity Building for Higher Education grants. CLIL@India is designed to spread CLIL methodology - directly and indirectly - in Indian secondary schooling, targeting Kannada, Marathi, Tamil, Punjabi, Hindi and English languages.

Multilingualism defines Indian cultural landscape and is recognized as both a strength and a challenge to deal with. In a country with over 325 languages and 25 scripts as listed by the Anthropological Survey of India, English remains an aspirational language creating a base for its economic success. However, the country is caught between learning this foreign language that heralds economic success, and local languages that hold cultural richness, rootedness. The situation also divides the urban and rural India in terms of language proficiencies. Caught between these two extremities of having education in either only a local/regional language or completely in a foreign language leading to slow death of regional languages, the country looks for a fair and balanced approach for the education system to respond.

Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) - a method adopted in Europe mainly to encourage bilingualism or multilingualism comes across as an ideal solution at this point. Therefore, a Consortium with HEIs in India and Europe proposed the CLIL@India project. CLIL@India plans the following actions:

1. Establish an international inter-institutional CLIL Resource and Training Centre at Manipal;
2. Establish satellite centres for CLIL at all participating Indian HEIs in the project for spill-over effect;
3. Develop CLIL training materials in Hindi, Punjabi, Marathi, Kannada, Tamil and English;
4. Develop and continuously update the web portal CLILatIndia.in to provide open access to CLIL study materials in India;
5. To implement the first CLIL academic modules at the Indian partner HEIs;

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6. To disseminate information about CLIL methodologies developing open intensive courses and events;
7. To develop an evidence-based white-paper based on the impact of CLIL on the linguistic skills of pupils attending secondary education in India.

The project involves prestigious European and Indian higher education institutions:

- Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Karnataka
- University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain
- University of Milan, Italy
- University of Latvia, Latvia
- Symbiosis International University, Pune
- Pondicherry University, Pondicherry
- Chitkara University, Chandigarh

Position: Research Associate

Minimal Requirements

- Post-Graduate in Education, Science, Linguistic or Social Sciences
- Willingness to relocate in Manipal, Karnataka
- Motivated and with excellent communication skills
- English at native fluency level and reading+writing+speaking knowledge of Kannada (This is **mandatory**, those without Kannada proficiency need not apply)

Optional Requirements

- Prior research experience
- Work experience related to study of languages, or in the education sector

General responsibilities

- Create innovative learning materials in the projects' target languages
- Conduct field research on CLIL implementation in Indian schools
- Responsible for implementing the guidelines of the CLIL Resource and Training Centre Executive Director
- Organize and conduct events (vocational trainings, workshop, conferences)
- Ensure the productivity of the CLIL Resource and Training Centre at MAHE, and its satellite centres at Chitkara University, Symbiosis International University and Pondicherry University
- Content manager for the website clilatindia.in (visit the website for more details about the project)

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Benefits

- Competitive monthly salary (approx. 48 000 INR)
- Health insurance
- Opportunity to begin PhD study

How to apply

- Please apply by sending an e-mail with your CV and motivation letter to office.clil@manipal.edu
- Please use “Research Associate - CLIL@India” the in subject line.

Note: Those who have applied for a previous call for the same position need not reapply. Repeat applications will be rejected.

Deadline for application: 28 July 2018

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