

Department of Chinese Language and Literature, Hong Kong Shue Yan University

Position: Full-time Research Assistant

Project Title: The interactions of L1 and L2 tonal systems in Mandarin-Cantonese late bilinguals

Principal Investigator: Dr Yike Yang

The appointment will be made on the basis of a one-year contract starting from 1 September 2023, with a possibility of renewal (subject to funding availability and mutual agreement). The remuneration will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Requirements

The applicant should have: 1) a bachelor degree or above in linguistics, speech science, Chinese, psychology or a related discipline, preferably with a concentration in phonetics, language acquisition or psycholinguistics; 2) enthusiasm for linguistics research, preferably with some relevant publication record; 3) an excellent command of spoken and written Chinese (including Cantonese and Mandarin) and English; 4) strong communication and interpersonal skills, preferably with experience in administering behavioural experiments; 5) preferably experience with tools such as Praat, PsychoPy, Audacity, R and Python; 6) diligence, responsibility and thoroughness towards work.

Responsibilities

The applicant will be responsible for the following tasks: 1) designing and testing the stimuli of the experiments; 2) recruiting and identifying eligible participants for this project and conducting the experiments; 3) processing and annotating the collected data and performing preliminary analyses; 4) writing up research reports; and 5) other research and administrative duties as assigned by the Principal Investigator.

Application

Application documents include: 1) a completed [application form](#); 2) a cover letter, a curriculum vitae and a writing sample (either in English or Chinese); and 3) copies of qualification certificates, award certificates and other relevant documents.

Applicants should submit their complete application documents to Dr Yike Yang at yyang@hksyu.edu (Subject: RA application + full name). All applications will be treated in strict confidence.

The selection process will begin immediately upon receipt of applications. Applicants will be invited for an interview within six weeks after submitting all required documents. Only those shortlisted for an interview will be contacted.

Closing date: 10 June 2023