

Full-Time Research Assistant

Department of English Language and Literature

The appointee will work on an RGC Faculty Development Scheme project entitled **“Innovating Grammar Instruction: Cognitive Linguistics and Bayesian Modeling for Effective Learning”**. The project investigates second language learners’ acquisition of English if-conditionals and the effectiveness of cognitive linguistics-informed instructional approaches.

Responsibilities

The appointee will assist the Principal Investigator in implementing the research project. Major duties include:

- Assisting in literature review and preparation of research materials
- Supporting the development and validation of testing and training stimuli
- Assisting in participant recruitment, scheduling, and communication
- Conducting data collection, including acceptability judgment tests, metalinguistic knowledge tests, surveys, interviews, focus groups, and/or oral production tasks
- Performing data entry, cleaning, coding, transcription, and preliminary analysis
- Assisting with qualitative coding of learner verbalisation and interview/focus group data
- Providing administrative and secretariat support for the project
- Liaising with internal and external parties, including schools, teachers, students, and research collaborators
- Assisting in the organisation of research-related workshops, meetings, and dissemination activities
- Performing any other research-related duties as assigned

Requirements

Applicants should have:

- A Bachelor’s degree, preferably in English Language, Applied Linguistics, Education, Psychology, or a related discipline
- A good command of written and spoken English and Chinese
- Good interpersonal, communication, and organisational skills
- Strong computer literacy and familiarity with common office applications
- The ability to work independently and as part of a team
- A careful, responsible, and self-motivated work attitude

Preference will be given to applicants who have experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Second language acquisition or language education research
- Data collection with university students, teachers, or school learners
- Statistical analysis using R or other relevant software
- Research administration and event/workshop coordination

The appointment is expected to commence on 2 July 2026.

For enquiries, please contact **Dr Ivy Wong** via email: **mhwong@hksyu.edu**.

Application Procedure

Applicants should send a letter of application together with a curriculum vitae to:

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Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Personal data collected will be used for staff recruitment purposes only.