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## **Two PhD scholarships (Interlanguage Pragmatics, Pragmatic Variation, Irish English)**

The Chair of English Linguistics at the Leuphana University Lüneburg, Germany (Prof. Anne Barron) invites applications for two PhD scholarships in linguistics. The scholarships are each worth €1,300 monthly (plus child benefit, if appropriate).

The scholarships will commence in mid-October 2011 or as soon as possible thereafter. They are awarded for one year initially. However, subject to the progress of the PhD, each can be renewed for a further two years. It should be noted that students can apply for a scholarship without registering for a PhD at the Leuphana university. However, successful students can only take up the scholarship once they are registered PhD students at the Leuphana university.

### *Responsibilities:*

The successful candidates are to pursue a PhD in English linguistics at the Leuphana University Lüneburg. One scholarship will be awarded to a research topic in the area of interlanguage pragmatics (focusing on, e.g., acquisition, teaching, assessment, individual differences, ...). The other scholarship will be awarded to a topic within variational pragmatics (intercultural pragmatics). This latter scholarship will focus on intra-lingual pragmatic variation (e.g. pragmatic variation across the Englishes, pragmatic variation according to age, social class, ...). A specialization in Irish English is a decided advantage for the second research studentship.

Additional duties include tutorials and student support for up to ten hours per week. A good command of the English language is a pre-requisite; a working knowledge of German is beneficial but not a requirement.

*Requirements:*

A Master's degree or equivalent in English Studies, linguistics or a related field (with an emphasis on some of the following areas: Pragmatics, Language Acquisition, Sociolinguistics, Discourse Analysis (required grade: A or B according to the ECTS scale).

*Details of Application:*

Applications should include a letter of application, a CV, copies of exam certificates and a 2 page outline of the envisaged PhD project. Applications should be marked 'PhD scholarship Interlanguage Pragmatics' or 'PhD scholarship Pragmatic Variation' as appropriate. They should be sent (preferably by email as a pdf file) to the address below.

Further information on studying for a PhD at the Leuphana University can be found under:

<http://www.leuphana.de/en/graduate-school/doctorate.html>

<http://www.leuphana.de/en/graduate-school/application-deadline-procedure/doctoral-degree-program.html>

Application Deadline: 9.09.2011

*Address for Applications:*

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