



CILLDI

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CILLDI is accepting applications for Summer Volunteer Summer Program Assistants!

WHAT IS CILLDI?

The Canadian Indigenous Languages and Literacy Development Institute is dedicated to the revitalization of Indigenous languages through documentation, teaching, and literacy. We supply tools to Indigenous language activists so that they can better *protect, preserve, promote, practice, and pass on their language*.

For 20 years, CILLDI has offered an annual summer school. Students have the opportunity to earn university credit and learn an Indigenous language or gain expertise in the areas of linguistics, endangered language documentation and revitalization, language and literacy learning, second language teaching and curriculum development, and language policy and planning.

CILLDI 2020 VeSPA OPPORTUNITY:

CILLDI Volunteer Summer Program Assistants (VeSPAs) are a valuable part of the summer program. CILLDI serves a wide variety of students, some of whom may be attending university for the first time. VeSPAs assist students and instructors in the classroom, act as campus ambassadors, contribute to record-keeping projects, and, if they wish, organize extracurricular events.

Program Assistants are volunteers, but the position provides professional, academic, and personal benefits. Previous VeSPAs have summarized their experience as follows:

“CILLDI is a fantastic way to learn more about the languages of Canada, as well as the communities that speak them. In addition, you can to put your linguistics experience to use and make a meaningful impact for real people!” – Grant, 2017 CILLDI VPA

“CILLDI provides valuable experience and networking opportunities for those interested in linguistics, technology and language, and language policy. CILLDI program assistants work with and learn from speakers of Indigenous languages from various language families across Canada and professional linguists on the front lines of language documentation and revitalization.” – Ashleigh, 2016-2018 CILLDI VPA

This year’s CILLDI summer program will take place from July 6, 2020, to July 24, 2020. Classes are offered in two blocks. Each class runs weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with an hour break for lunch.

APPLYING FOR A CILLDI PROGRAM ASSISTANT POSITION:

While a background in Linguistics, Education, Native Studies, or Anthropology is not necessary to succeed as part of CILLDI, a commitment to the preservation of linguistic diversity is. With this in mind, we appreciate applicants from all academic backgrounds and all levels of education.

For more information and to download an application form, visit cilldi.ualberta.ca and look for “Summer Volunteer Program Assistants” under “Study”. The **deadline** for applications is **Friday, April 3, 2020**. Also, join us (for pizza!) at our Volunteer Program Assistant Information Session 1:00PM Monday, March 9 in ASH 4-70 and Wednesday, March 12 2020 (Room TBC). Please RSVP to cilldi@ualberta.ca and include any dietary restrictions.