

Research Assistant I (Ref: 2600564)
Department of English Language Education

Project Title: Informal Digital Learning of English as a Translanguaging Space: Critical Digital Literacy and Global Englishes Awareness among Mainland Chinese University Students in Hong Kong

[Appointment Period: 10 months]

We are conducting research related to how mainland Chinese students in Hong Kong use English through informal digital learning. It examines how these practices create a translanguaging space beyond the classroom, develop students' critical digital literacy, and shape their awareness of Global Englishes.

We are seeking a Research Assistant I to assist with a funded research project examining the informal digital learning of English among mainland Chinese university students in Hong Kong. The appointee will support the research team in investigating how students' digital English-learning practices create translanguaging spaces beyond formal instruction and contribute to critical digital literacy and Global Englishes awareness. Duties include participant recruitment, questionnaire administration, collection and organisation of media diaries and digital artefacts, conducting and transcribing interviews, quantitative and qualitative data analysis, literature review, preparation of research materials, and other academic and administrative tasks assigned by the Principal Investigator. Research experience in informal digital learning, translanguaging, Global Englishes, digital literacy, or mixed-methods research is highly desirable. The appointment will be for 10 months.

Applicants should hold a bachelor's degree, preferably a master's or doctoral degree, in applied linguistics, TESOL, language education, English studies, or a related discipline. They should have knowledge of qualitative and/or quantitative research methods and experience in conducting interviews, analysing questionnaire or qualitative data, and managing research data. Proficiency in spoken and written English and Putonghua is required, while proficiency in Cantonese would be an advantage. Applicants should also possess good communication, organisational, and digital skills, as well as the ability to work independently and collaboratively. Immediate availability is preferred.

For enquiries about the post, please contact Prof. Fan Fang at fanfang@eduhk.hk.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Initial appointment will be made on a fixed-term contract. Fringe benefits include contract-end gratuity, leave, medical and dental benefits.

The University only accepts and considers applications submitted online for this post. Applicants should complete the [online application form](#) and upload a full CV on or before **2 September 2026**. Applications which are incomplete or without the required documents may not be considered. Personal data provided by applicants will be used for recruitment and other employment-related purposes. For details of the Personal Information Collection Statement, please refer to <http://www.eduhk.hk/jobsopp/index.php?glang=en>.

All applications will be treated in strict confidence. Only those who are shortlisted will be contacted. The University reserves the right not to fill the position(s) advertised.

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