

Research Project: INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES. MAYANGNA

1. Research Project Description

This is a multi-faceted project dealing with all aspects of an endangered language and is framed within the research activities of the Indigenous and Endangered Languages Lab (IELLab). Endangered languages present a very specific and at the same time complex linguistic situation. Work on them may include work on a dictionary, on diagramming school materials, on preparing and adapting webpages, on coding and analyzing linguistic productions, etc... We are currently working on a project on the traditional use of plants in the forest.

Mayangna is an indigenous language of Nicaragua. There can be a possibility to work on other indigenous languages.

(Note: We do not align with any missionary work and respect all traditional practices of indigenous peoples.)

2. Proposed student scholar Duties

Depending on their qualifications, the intern may be selected to work on: - introducing the English translations in a Mayangna-Spanish dictionary (knowledge of Spanish will be a plus). - adapting the materials we already have into a web-based interface (computer skills, a plus) - designing a website on the work conducted on the project. - diagramming school materials (knowledge of Photoshop and related software, a plus) -coding language samples (for students with incline for Linguistics).

3. Time Commitment and Credit

Students can choose to work 3hrs/week, 6hrs/week, 9hrs/week.

Credit can be offered commensurately:

3hrs/week	1 cr
6hrs/week	2 cr
9hrs/week	3 cr

If you want to obtain credit, you can sign for one of the following courses:

LING 499	Undergraduate Research Internship	(graded Pass/No-Pass) [not suitable for major]
ENGL 494	Undergraduate Research Internship	(graded A-F)