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The mission of the [Mercator European Research Centre](#) - part of the Fryske Akademy - endorses and reinforces the overarching Akademy mission, through specific focus on research, dissemination and application of knowledge in the field of multilingualism, individually and in society, and language learning, in formal and informal settings. Mercator's starting point is in the field of minority languages, especially in Europe but also beyond. This concerns not only indigenous but also migrant languages. It has been given the mission: 'Bring Fryslân to Europe and bring Europe to Fryslân'.

The Mercator European Research Centre on Multilingualism and Language Learning has a vacancy for:

WikiWomen Internship

(full-time)

The project Women in Wikipedia (WikiWomen) aims to enrich Wikipedia with information on women and information in minority languages, addressing gaps in representation and accessibility. This project will host a Wikithon in November 2024 wherein students from the Netherlands, Ireland and the Basque Autonomous Community will gather in Leeuwarden to work collaboratively on adding such Wikipedia entries. Within this internship, you will be involved in assessing the project and interviewing the students so that we may understand challenges, gather experiences, and report on our best practices.

Responsibilities

- Conduct Interviews:
 - Conduct semi-structured interviews with students from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds
- Data Collection and Management:
 - Accurately record and transcribe interviews
 - Organise and maintain a database of interview data, ensuring confidentiality and data protection compliance.
- Collaboration:
 - Work closely with project coordinators, the target student groups, and the organisations involved in the Wikithon.
- Reporting and Analysis:

- Analyse interview data to identify common themes, challenges, and opportunities.
- Prepare detailed reports and summaries of findings to contribute to project objectives and dissemination plans.

Qualifications

- Currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program, preferably in social sciences, linguistics, communications, or related fields.
- Skills and Experience:
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Experience with conducting interviews or qualitative research is highly desirable.
- Proficiency in one or more minority languages is a plus.
- Basic understanding of Wikipedia's editing and contribution guidelines is advantageous.
- Ability to transcribe interviews accurately.

This internship of 2-3 months should take place between Oct 2024-Jan 2025. The internship is based at Mercator/Fryske Akademy in Leeuwarden, the Netherlands. The compensation is €325 per month for a full-time internship.

If you need more information, please contact Jelske Dijkstra (jdijkstra@fryske-akademy.nl).

When applying, please submit a brief motivation accompanied with your cv to Jelske Dijkstra before September 1st, 2024.

