

## **Internship Announcement**

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### **Background**

The Department of Linguistics, Assam University, Silchar, is looking for qualified internees to assist in the Dimasa digital archiving project for the Bodo and Dimasa Heritage Digital Archive (<https://bododimasaarchive.org>) from July to September, 2024. The project on “Digital Archiving of Dimasa language and culture heritage” is an ongoing ICSSR sponsored Major Research Project under the mentorship of Dr. Monali Longmailai (Project Director), Prof. Kh. Dhiren Singha (Co-Project Director), Assam University, Silchar and Prof. Christina Wasson (Co-Project Director), University of North Texas (UNT), USA from 2023 to 2025. The archive uses Mukurtu, a content management system from Drupal platform to preserve and promote indigenous heritage of Dimasa.

**Internship Available:** Digital Archivist/Field Assistant

### **Job Responsibilities and Objectives**

- 1) The internees will assist in creating cultural categories for digital preservation and promotion of Dimasa indigenous languages and cultures.
- 2) They will assist in compiling heritage dictionary for documenting Dimasa speech varieties, artifacts, and existing names and historical names.
- 3) They will interlink Media files from Vimeo, watermarking designs and patterns for image and video files, learning digital copyrights and creating Cultural/Community Protocol, Traditional Knowledge labels.
- 4) They can explore allied fields of linguistics such as ethnolinguistics, sociolinguistics, anthropolinguistics, corpus linguistics, language documentation, language technology, linguistic landscaping, folkloristics and incorporate their ideas and knowledge from these subjects into Mukurtu.
- 5) They can create Collections for compilation of material production for communities, such as learner books, primer, story books, arts and craft, literature, and related content.

### **Learning Outcomes**

- 1) The internee will be trained to use Mukurtu for creating community based digital archive.
- 2) S/he will be taught basic skills of linguistic fieldwork for such digital archiving purposes.
- 3) S/he will be given training on creating database for the digital archiving.

