



# AILDI *News & Updates*

SPECIAL ISSUE

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Everything and anything related to AILDI and Indigenous languages!

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## AILDI ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION

### Accepting Applications

*Help make language work possible*

AILDI is now accepting applications for a newly-available full-time Administrative Assistant staff position.

The Administrative Assistant performs a variety of advanced secretarial and administrative duties to support the activities of AILDI. This position entails strong writing and communication skills; the ability to prioritize and work efficiently and independently; proficiency in university software, Microsoft Suite, Drupal/HTML, and Adobe Pro.

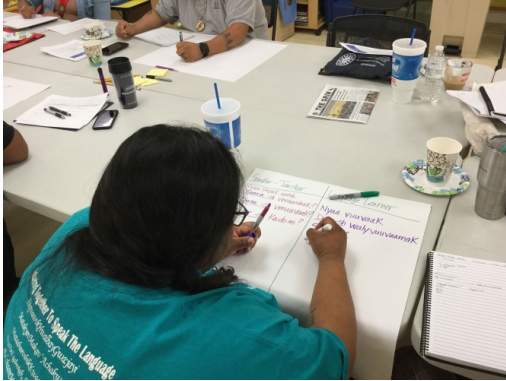


If you or someone you know might make a good applicant and has knowledge or interest in Indigenous cultures and/or language revitalization, they are strongly encouraged to apply.

The mission of the American Indian Language Development Institute (AILDI) is to provide critical training to strengthen efforts to revitalize and promote the use of Indigenous languages across generations. Housed in the University of Arizona's College of Education, AILDI offers a summer institute with university credited courses for teachers, practitioners and researchers of American Indian languages; workshops; on-site training; conferences, symposia and special projects.

*[To find out more and apply, visit the UA Human Resources Portal here.](#)*

## LANGUAGE MEDIA *Highlight*



### Despite the pandemic and technology challenges, AILDI presses on with its mission to preserve and promote Indigenous languages

November 10th, 2020

While National Native American History Month highlights Indigenous cultures every November, the **American Indian Language Development Institute (AILDI)** works year-round to preserve the languages at the heart of those cultures.

**Alyce Sadongei**, Project Coordinator for AILDI and a member of the Tohono O'odham and Kiowa nations, says the institute works with tribal leaders through workshops and training programs to help them move forward with efforts to improve technology access and use among Native American communities.

"So many people are using technology in language learning," Sadongei says. "Tribes are developing their own programs and computer games. They know that's where young people are, and they're going to have to meet them there."

**Ofelia Zepeda**, Regents Professor of Linguistics and Director of AILDI, says the pandemic has shined a spotlight on the challenge: "Like everyone else, we are trying to change with the times," Zepeda says. "We are looking more at applications of technology for language teaching and learning. We found out as we have all had to go online that there is still a divide for Native communities that have limited or poor access to the internet. So that move toward technology has been slowed."

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*The American Indian Language Development Institute's (AILDI) mission is to provide critical training to strengthen efforts to revitalize and promote the use of Indigenous languages across generations. This is accomplished by engaging educators, schools, Indigenous communities and policy makers nationally and internationally through outreach, transformative teaching, purposeful research and collaborative partnerships. As a result of our work, we envision that the larger society will know that language revitalization is critical to sustain and reinforce Indigenous linguistic, cultural, and spiritual health and identity.*