# Research Areas

Here are proposed research areas in Linguistics/Applied Linguistics for MPhil Thesis. These areas are recommended because they are especially relevant in the existing context of Pakistani languages and cultures as well as the resources available to the department.

## Language Documentation & Codification

1. Preparation of dictionaries/online dictionaries of regional languages
2. Writing of descriptive grammar books of Urdu & other regional languages
3. Corpus development of Urdu & other regional languages
4. Study of non-documented languages/dialects of Pakistan
5. Endangered languages of Pakistan
6. Development of writing systems

## Bilingualism/Multilingualism

1. Bilingual/Multilingual communication in various professional & political settings, e.g., classroom, university, offices, banks, parliament etc.
2. Borrowing , transfer and language shift in a bilingual/multilingual society
3. Bilingualism/Multilingualism and language acquisition

## Language Policy & Planning

1. Majority & minority languages
2. Official & unofficial languages
3. Linguistic human rights
4. Language, power & ideology
5. Language & identity politics in Pakistan and across South Asia

## Discourse & Critical Discourse Analysis

1. Identity, culture and discourse
2. Institutional and Educational applications of discourse

## Linguistics and Language Instructions

1. The use of linguistics in ESL
2. Language in the classroom
3. The acquisition of language
4. Medium of instruction
5. Learnability and teachability

## Translation Studies

1. Issues and challenges for machine translation
2. Linguistics and machine translation
3. Communicating the Scriptures across cultures

## Linguistics & Literature

1. Understanding poetic speech acts
2. Studying literature as language
3. Literary stylistics
4. Some psychodynamics of orality

## Sign Language

1. Manual communication systems
2. Body language
3. Iconicity
4. Indo-Pakistani sign language
5. Sign language acquisition