Summer Scholarships for Asian Language Study

Summer 2017

Information for Applicants

Eligibility requirements: Summer scholarships for Asian Language Study of up to $2,500 may be used either in the United States or abroad, but will be awarded only for study in a recognized summer language program. The proposed summer course must provide the equivalent of a full academic year of language study in an intensive Asian language course. Such summer courses generally meet the equivalent of 20 hours a week for an eight-week term.

Both graduate and undergraduate students currently pursuing degrees at The University of Iowa may apply, but preference will be given in either case to students who demonstrate (1) an aptitude and achievement in previous work in their chosen language, and (2) a serious commitment to incorporating this language in their future study and career goals. Consideration will be limited to students who intend to return to The University of Iowa for further study either upon completion of their summer work or after a limited time in a formal study-abroad program following the summer award period. Final award of scholarship funds will be contingent upon acceptance into an intensive summer language program approved by the scholarship selection committee.

Application and selection procedures: Applicants must submit the following to the selection committee by March 24, 2017 to be considered for scholarship support:

• A completed application form, including a statement of purpose.

• A current and complete academic transcript (copy from MyUI version acceptable).

• Two confidential letters of recommendation, one of which must be an evaluation by an instructor of the chosen language. Letters should be sent directly to the selection committee.

• Evidence of your application to, and ultimately acceptance by, one or more summer language programs (see below). It is understood that many programs will not have made final acceptance decisions by this application due date, and notification of such may be turned in as soon as received by the applicant after March 24, 2017.

• Estimated Budget. This would include tuition, room and board, transportation, and any other expenses applicable to the summer language study. This should be as detailed an itemization as is possible.

Awardees will be notified of their selection in April.

APPLICATION DEADLINE – FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017
PLEASE NOTE: Scholarship recipients will be required to submit a brief (2-3 pages) typed account of their summer activities and experiences which will be due by Friday, August 25th, 2017. Failure to do so may result in a retraction of part or all of the award amount which the recipient would then be required to repay.

Selecting a summer program: Given the number and variety of summer language programs in the United States, Japan, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, India, Pakistan, and elsewhere, it is virtually impossible for us to prepare a full, accurate, and up-to-date list of places offering courses that meet the requirements for awarding these scholarships. We advise you, therefore, to begin immediately doing some research on your own. It is imperative that you consult with a member of the Asian and Slavic Languages and Literature faculty as you go through the selection and application process. She or he can guide you to institutions that have offered appropriate language courses at various levels in past years and provide advice on such matters as transfer of summer credits. It will still be up to you, however, to do at least some of the work involved in finding out what is available, and where, in the summer of 2017.

If you are planning to enroll in a summer course abroad, you should begin the application process to the institution concerned as soon as possible, since the necessary correspondence, processing of applications, and visa procedures sometimes move very slowly. In addition, many good summer programs in the United States do not announce their course offerings, which often vary from year to year, until sometime in the spring.

It may, therefore, not be possible for you to be accepted into your chosen program by the time your scholarship application is due. Such circumstances will not affect your eligibility for consideration, as long as you submit with your application to the selection committee some evidence that your application to the language program is under way, such as copies of correspondence with the institution or your application.

Additional Summer Language Scholarship application forms are available in the departmental office at 111 Phillips Hall.

Applications must be completed and turned in by Friday, March 24, 2017.

All material should be sent to:

Stanley Scholarship Selection Committee
Department of Asian and Slavic Languages and Literatures
The University of Iowa
111 Phillips Hall
Iowa City, IA 52242
Application Form

Name: ___________________________  Student ID #: ___________________________

Native Language: ___________________  Language to be studied: ___________________

Current Address: ____________________________________________________________

Permanent Address: __________________________________________________________

Telephone number(s) at which you can be reached concerning this application:

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Name of Summer Program: ______________________________________________________

Program Start/End Date: ________________________________________________________

Student Status (check one):  Undergraduate __________  Graduate _________________

Expected Date of Graduation: __________________________________________________

Undergraduate Major or Graduate Degree Program: ________________________________

Graduate Students Only: Please list undergraduate degree, major, and institution.

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Number of years of study in chosen language, including current year: __________________

Please list courses taken for this language and where taken. If you acquired the language in ways other than in coursework, please explain.

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Please list below any other languages you have studied, and describe your level of competence in each, including reading and oral competence.

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List below two persons familiar with the scope and quality of your academic or professional work from whom you are requesting letters of recommendation. One of these must be an instructor of the language you wish to study who can evaluate your language-learning ability.

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Please give the name of the Asian and Slavic Languages and Literatures faculty member with whom you have consulted regarding your summer plans.

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Statement of Purpose

Attach a separate sheet of paper describing how your language study will fit in with your future academic or career plans, and why you feel a summer intensive course will be of particular benefit to you.

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