

DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

## Mossman Scholars Endowment Scholarship and Award Application

### Description

Thanks to the generosity of Kenneth and Blaire Mossman and the Mossman Family Trust, the Department of World Languages and Cultures (WLC) is pleased to offer travel abroad funding opportunities to students majoring or minoring in any WLC language; Language and World Business and College Scholars students with a concentration in these disciplines may also apply).

The travel funding may be used for:

1. **Scholarship for use towards semester, year-long, or summer study abroad** programs approved by UTK. Semester and full-year funding will have priority, with summer study supported as remaining funds allow. Students may apply for a Mossman Scholarship before receiving official acceptance from the Programs Abroad Office, although receipt of the funds is contingent on this acceptance and participation in the study abroad program.

#### **Current amounts of awards:**

- Full-year program: \$8000 [majors]/\$6000 [minors];
- Semester-long program: \$5000 [majors]/\$3000[minors]
- Summer program: \$1500 [majors and minors].

2. **Award of research money**, i.e., travel to archives or to do other types of research related to the student's WLC major or minor. This travel may take place during the academic year or during summer, and must be approved and supervised by a tenure-line faculty mentor. Award amounts vary by duration and projected costs.

### Eligibility

Before beginning this application, please ensure that you meet the following general criteria for these awards:

1. You are currently enrolled at or admitted to attend the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, as an undergraduate student.
2. You have officially declared a major or minor in an WLC language, including LWB, or College Scholars with a Foreign Language emphasis.
3. You have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher (out of 4.0).
4. You will be studying or researching in a part of the world that speaks the language you are studying.

## **Deadlines**

Please submit your application materials (see below) by the following deadlines:

- Fall semester and full academic year programs: **April 1, 5 pm**
- Spring semester programs: **October 1, 5 pm**
- Summer programs: **February 15, 5 pm**

Applications should be submitted by email to Drew Paul, Director of Undergraduate Studies for WLC, at [wpaul2@utk.edu](mailto:wpaul2@utk.edu). Awardees are chosen by the WLC Languages Scholarship Committee and will usually be notified via email no later than four weeks following the deadline.

## **Application Materials**

To apply for a Mossman Scholars Endowment Scholarship or Award, please submit a cover sheet that contains the following information.

### **All applicants:**

- Name (first, middle initial, last):
- UTK email address:
- Phone:
- Student ID:
- Major(s): Minor(s):
- Projected Graduation Month/year:
- GPA:
- Name of recommender:
- Date declared major/minor:

### **1. Students applying for a semester, year-long, or summer study** abroad should also include:

- A short (about 300 words, maximum) description of the study-abroad program you are interested in and how it will benefit your language major;
- A PDF of your unofficial Academic history, showing GPA and your major/concentration/minor;
- A brief email of recommendation from a UT faculty member or GTA teaching in the language of your major/minor, whose class(es) you have taken. In requesting this recommendation letter, please ask the faculty member to send a brief email directly to Drew Paul ([wpaul2@utk.edu](mailto:wpaul2@utk.edu))

with the words “Mossman Recommendation [student name]” in the subject line. The recommendation should be sent as an email from the instructor, not as an attachment.

2. **Students requesting research support** should also include:

- A short (2-page maximum) description of how you will use the research award money (submit an estimated budget);
- A PDF of your Academic history, showing GPA and your major/concentration/minor;
- A brief letter of recommendation from a tenure-line or other research-active UT faculty member who agrees to supervise your travel. In requesting this letter of recommendation, please ask the faculty member to send a brief email directly to Drew Paul ([wpaul2@utk.edu](mailto:wpaul2@utk.edu)) with the words “Mossman Recommendation [student name]” in the subject line.