

**DEPARTMENT OF MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES**

## **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 Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures (MFLL) is pleased to offer funding opportunities to students majoring in MFLL with a concentration in a Romance language (French, Italian, Portuguese, or Spanish; Language and World Business and College Scholars students with a concentration in these disciplines may also apply). The current round of awards may be used for:

**1. Scholarship for use towards semester or year-long study abroad** programs approved by UTK, to take place during fall and/or spring semesters. 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 program. These awards **may not** be used for summer study abroad.

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

To apply for a Mossman Scholars Endowment Scholarship or Award, students submit a cover sheet with the requested information and other materials (see below) by 5 p.m. **October 1<sup>st</sup> or March 31 for the upcoming semester**. Faculty recommendations should be requested by **September 9 or March 8th, respectively**. Awardees are chosen by the MFLL Languages Scholarship Committee and will be notified via email no later than four weeks following the deadline. For more information, or to submit an application, contact Dr. Stephen Blackwell, Director of Undergraduate Studies for MFLL, [sblackwe@utk.edu](mailto:sblackwe@utk.edu). Email submissions are encouraged.

**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 AND you will have official standing as a Junior or higher by the beginning of the term of proposed activity.
2. You have officially declared a major in MFLL with a concentration in French, Italian, Portuguese, and/or Spanish, including LWB, or College Scholars with a Romance Language emphasis.
3. You have an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher (out of 4.0).
4. You will be studying or researching in a Romance-language-speaking region of the world.

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**Please submit a cover sheet that contains the following information:**

**Name (first, middle initial, last):**

**UTK email address:            Phone:    Student ID #:**

**Major(s):            Minor(s):**

**Projected Graduation Date:**

**Name of recommender:**

Additional materials to be submitted with the cover sheet:

**1. For semester or year-long study abroad:** a short (2-page maximum) description of the study-abroad program you are interested in and how it will benefit your language major; a letter of recommendation from a UTK faculty member teaching in the language of your major, whose class(es) you have taken. **In requesting this letter of recommendation, please ask the faculty member to send an email directly to Stephen Blackwell, [sblackwe@utk.edu](mailto:sblackwe@utk.edu)** with the words “Mossman Recommendation [student name]” in the subject line.

**2. For research support requests:** a short (2-page maximum) description of how you will use the research award money; a letter of recommendation from a tenure-line UTK faculty member who agrees to supervise your travel. **In requesting this letter of recommendation, please ask the faculty member to send an email directly to Stephen Blackwell, [sblackwe@utk.edu](mailto:sblackwe@utk.edu)** with the words “Mossman Recommendation [student name]” in the subject line.