

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 (MFL) is pleased to offer travel abroad funding opportunities to students majoring or minoring in MFL 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 awards 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 program. Current amounts of awards: Full year: \$6,000; Semester: \$3,000; Summer: \$1,500

2. Award of research money, i.e., travel to archives or to do other types of research related to the student's MFL 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.

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 1st or March 31 for the upcoming semester; February 15th for summer study.** Ideally, faculty recommendations should be requested by **September 20th or March 20th (Feb. 1 for summer) respectively**, though late requests will usually be honored. Awardees are chosen by the MFL Languages Scholarship Committee and will usually 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 MFL, sblackwe@utk.edu. Submissions are to be made via Email.

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 MFL 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 3.0 or higher (out of 4.0).
4. You will be studying or researching in a Romance-language-speaking region of the world.

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:

GPA:

Name of recommender:

Additional materials to be submitted with the cover sheet:

1. For semester, year-long, or summer 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 PDF of your Academic history, showing GPA and your major/concentration/minor;
- a **brief** letter of recommendation from a UTK faculty member or GTA teaching in the language of your major/minor, whose class(es) you have taken. **In requesting this letter of recommendation, please ask the faculty member to send a brief email directly to Stephen Blackwell, 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 (submit an estimated budget);
- a PDF of your Academic history, showing GPA and your major/concentration/minor;
- and a brief letter of recommendation from a tenure-line or other research-active UTK 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 Stephen Blackwell, sblackwe@utk.edu** with the words “Mossman Recommendation [student name]” in the subject line.