



Memorandum

Date: December 18, 2017
To: Council of Chairs, Principals, and Academic Directors
Coalition of Arts & Science Directors
From: Mary Pugh, Vice-Dean, Undergraduate and International
Dwayne Benjamin, Vice-Dean, Graduate Education
Re: **SELECT Languages – Request for Proposals**
cc: Graduate Coordinators and Administrators

The Faculty of Arts & Science invites proposals for the 2018-19 Study Elsewhere of Less Commonly Taught (SELECT) Languages for Research Purposes Fund **due January 19, 2018**.

SELECT contributes toward funding for graduate students requiring a good working knowledge of a language not regularly taught at U of T, for the purposes of their research, the opportunity to do so by studying that language at another institution. Funds are awarded to individual graduate students through a competitive process overseen by the SELECT Languages Advisory Committee. Priority will be given to students at the Ph.D. level applying to this fund for the first time, and to students in the early stages of their doctorate research.

Proposal Requirements

Proposals should be submitted using the attached application form, taking into consideration the following criteria:

- Language to be studied is not taught at the University of Toronto. (Funding will not be provided for languages that are offered at U of T, but not offered at a particular time, e.g. summer.)
- Student has not received support from this fund more than once.
- Proposals should demonstrate the need for this language study and importance of language knowledge for the dissertation research.
- Timeliness of language study to the student's research program.
- Suitability of the venue and the language instruction for the development of language skills.
- Applicants must be current Arts & Science graduate students in good standing. Please provide a recent transcript with your application.
- Priority will be given to students at the Ph.D. level in the early stages of their doctorate research that are applying to this fund for the first time. Students at the Master level may be considered if they can show that they will be enrolled in a Ph.D. program at the University of Toronto.

Proposal Submission Process

Students should submit their proposals to their graduate associate chair/coordinator for approval. We ask that graduate associate chairs/coordinators submit all proposals from their unit together, with a cover letter briefly justifying the need of each student to undertake this study opportunity at another institution. In cases where more than one student is applying from a unit, please provide a ranking of proposals.

A completed form with the accompanying cover letter forwarded from the graduate associate chair/coordinator will be considered approved by your department or program. Eligible proposals should be sent via email to fas.international@utoronto.ca no later than **January 19, 2018**.

Proposal forms and requirements are available at: <http://uoft.me/SELECT>. Should you have any questions about SELECT Languages or other international programs, please contact fas.international@utoronto.ca or (416)-978-0284.