

Clear Thinking Languages Scholarship **Terms and Conditions - Academic year 2018-19**

Employers value foreign language skills in graduates – both for obvious practical reasons and because they demonstrate a heightened awareness of language which improves general communication skills. British people are reputed internationally to be poor at learning languages – often this is because English is so widespread in the world that the importance of learning other languages can be overlooked.

Thanks to the generous support of a NTU alumni donor, the *Clear Thinking Languages Scholarship* offers undergraduates the opportunity to address this gap and to acquire additional language skills alongside their studies at NTU.

It includes:

- An annual stipend up to **£425** to reduce the need to work while studying, and therefore allow more time for extra language study.
- A travel grant up to **£1000**, to allow a visit to the country where the language is spoken.

Eligibility

Applications will be accepted in January of the academic year in which the scholarship is advertised. For example, in January 2019 applications will be accepted for the academic year Oct 2018 to June 2019. To apply for one of the scholarships, you must be:

- A first or second-year undergraduate student at Nottingham Trent University;
- A British passport holder;
- Already enrolled on a ULP language course in stage 3 or 4¹ since the start of the academic year;
- Have passed your first ULP assignments with an average of at least a mid-upper-second grade.

How to apply

- The application should be made by 31st January after the results of the first module assessments are published on NOW.
- To apply, send a statement to Christine Leahy / Donald Hassett stating
 - how the scholarship would benefit you;
 - how you would spend your time abroad, and how this would benefit your language and personal development;
 - how you intend to use language skills in your future life after graduating.

Applications will be assessed on

- whether minimum required grade for the first assignment has been met;
- the quality of the personal statements

If several applicants are closely matched, interviews will be held among the shortlisted applicants.

¹ Please note: Applications can only be accepted for languages where the ULP offers the next 2 stages, i.e., ULP stages 3-5 or 4-6.

Conditions

- In order to remain eligible for the scholarship once awarded, you must pass each stage of the ULP. You must study the same language each year, and must progress to the next higher stage.
- Payment of the annual stipend will be made in February each year.
- The travel grant will be available once. The earliest opportunity to take the travel grant is after the first successfully completed module. Most likely you will take it during the summer before you enter the final year of the scholarship. The grant will be paid on production of proof of booking for travel to a country where the language being studied is spoken.
- **Travel plans must be discussed with and approved by the ULP Programme Manager before the travel grant is released.**
- The intention of the travel grant is to help you improve your proficiency in the language studied. Therefore very short visits (i.e., less than four weeks) to the destination country will not normally be approved. In these circumstances payment of the travel grant will not normally be approved.
- You will be required to write a short report on how the travel grant helped you to further your language skills. You are expected to submit the report within eight weeks of returning from travel.
- You will also be required to write a short annual update outlining the progress you made studying the language. Please submit your reflection on your progress to the manager of the ULP by 30th June each year.
- Every October you will be expected to attend a short workshop which gives you the opportunity to meet other scholarship recipients. At that occasion photographs may be taken.

- If you
 - a. fail a stage of the ULP on referral; or
 - b. decide not to enrol for the ULP in a particular year (excluding years when you are on a year abroad or on a full-year study or work placement away from Nottingham and therefore unable to enrol); or
 - c. leave the university; or
 - d. receive the travel grant but do not make the journey; or
 - e. fail to write the post-journey report,the scholarship will terminate and no further stipends will be payable. In the case of (c) or (d), you may be required to repay the travel grant; such a decision would be at the discretion of the Director of the Nottingham Language Centre, who will take the circumstances into account.

Please send your update / report to the manager of the ULP, Christine Leahy (christine.leahy@ntu.ac.uk) by the given deadlines.