

Notes to Accompany Faculty of Arts Modern Foreign Language application

Please note this is an application for funding only and Language Centre registration is required.

Purpose of grant

This grant has been established to allow research students in the Faculty of Arts who do not have other sources of funding to audit modules or evening classes in modern languages offered by the University's Language Centre, which are important for the development of the student's research project. Full details of this provision is provided on the Language Centre's web-pages: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/language-centre/index.aspx>.

Eligibility

Funding is available to full-time students in years 1 to 3 and part-time students in years 1 to 6.

No funding is available for students during their thesis-pending or examination period. Students funded by the Midlands3Cities Doctoral Training Partnership, the ESRC or any other funding body with a student development fund are not normally eligible to apply for this grant.

Options

The Inter-Faculty modules are more intensive and are timetabled during the day for three hours per week, and there are two connected modules per academic year (one in Autumn Semester, one in Spring Semester). Evening class courses are year-long, with two hours of classes per week in the evenings (over 20 weeks). Students are normally expected to persevere in their language learning across the whole year: this will normally involve a commitment to two modules or a full year of evening classes, although in some cases an application to take a module for a single semester/ term will be considered. In all cases, a clear rationale for auditing a language must be provided by the student and confirmed by the supervisor to support the application (e.g. by identifying the significance of the language for the development of the doctoral project). If you are applying to audit a language course above 'beginner's' level, please indicate what prior language experience you have.

Deadlines

All applications should normally be submitted before the start of the course, and no later than

- 12 noon on Friday 14th September for **returning students** for Autumn or full-year courses
- 12 noon on Friday 28th September for **new students** for Autumn or full-year courses
- 12 noon on Friday 25th January for Spring courses

Please consult the Language Centre's web-pages for details of registration sessions:

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/language-centre/index.aspx>.

Please note: for the language modules, the Language Centre will give priority to UG and PGT students who are taking them for credit, so a place on these is not guaranteed if the groups fill up.

Before you complete the form, please read accompanying information and contact your principal supervisor to request that they email a supporting statement to you, cc to AR-Arts-Admin@nottingham.ac.uk

You should then copy and paste the statement into the online form.

Please complete *all* sections of the form including significance of proposed language learning for research project: Please explain why you need to audit these language courses for the enhancement of your postgraduate research. If you wish to audit a language at a level higher than beginner's, please indicate what prior language learning you have (NB you will need to attend an enrolment session at the Language Centre to have your level of language assessed).

Applications will be considered by the Faculty and the applicant will be notified by email.

If your application is approved, the fees for the course will be transferred from the Faculty directly to the Language Centre. These awards are made with the expectation that you will attend classes regularly and complete the course. Attendance will be monitored.

If your application is not approved, you will need to arrange for an alternative means of funding the course, or discontinue the classes.