What is a Melbourne Global Languages scholarship?

Each year a limited number of scholarships are offered to high achieving undergraduate language students for study overseas. These scholarships are designed to assist with the costs of undertaking intensive programs of reasonable length, or semester or year-long exchanges. Funds to be awarded to students for MGL scholarships are limited. Once funds are awarded, no additional scholarships will be allocated to students.

Applications not awarded a Melbourne Global Languages Scholarship should consider applying for a Melbourne Global Scholarship in Language Study. More information and application details can be found on the Melbourne Global Mobility Study Abroad funding web page.

Value

The value of the scholarships normally ranges from $1500 to $7000 for programs 6 weeks up to a year in duration, depending on the country of destination and/or the length of the proposed program of study. The scholarship is not meant to cover all costs involved, but is intended as a contribution towards airfares, travel and health insurance costs and living expenses. It is therefore essential that you plan your finances carefully and ensure you can cover all your costs. Information on potential expenses can be found in the International Office, University hand books, the Internet, institution home pages, returned Exchange and Study Abroad students, students here from partner institutions, common sense, etc. You should take into account the cost of your airfare, visa, insurance, accommodation, living costs, transport, everyday spending money etc. Programs must be equivalent to at least a 12.5 point University of Melbourne language subject.

Deferral

Scholarships cannot be deferred. Students who are unable to travel in the period for which the scholarship is awarded must reapply again in a future round.

Credit

Awards will be made only for courses that can be credited to a University of Melbourne degree or diploma. Students must obtain School/Institute and Faculty approval to credit their chosen overseas course to their degree. Please see a Faculty Advisor to have your application form approved.

Please contact the School of Languages and Linguistics if you need further advice, email Jeremy Taylor.
Study Abroad and Exchange

Language and linguistics students interested in overseas study should visit the Melbourne Global Mobility website for ideas and information about exchanges and study abroad programs.

Eligibility criteria

Please note that Melbourne Global Languages Scholarships have specific eligibility criteria. Students must:

• **Students should have completed a full year of language study** at a tertiary level in the language they intend to study overseas and should be enrolled in a University of Melbourne degree or diploma.

• Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit, and applicants must have achieved an **H2B 70% average in the target language across their academic record, with no results below an H2B (70+) in the target language subjects to be eligible for consideration.** These scholarships are always very competitive, in recent years scholarship recipients have generally achieved marks well above an H2B.

• **Students may receive only one Melbourne Global Languages Scholarship during their candidature.** Students studying more than one language should consider carefully which language they wish to study overseas and have credited to their degree.

• Students of all modern languages currently taught at the University of Melbourne are eligible to apply. Student choice of language is not relevant to the award of scholarships. Preference in the awarding of scholarships will not be given to any particular language.

• **The program must be credit-bearing, and approved by the relevant language department, and should be delivered in the language you are studying.**

• **The proposed program of study must be equivalent to** at least one x 12.5 credit point subject delivered in the target language.

• Students going on exchange or study abroad **may apply as long as they meet the criteria above.**

• **The target Language to be studied must be a native language** to the intended country of exchange or study abroad.

• **Only currently enrolled students are eligible to apply.** Graduate and Postgraduate Diploma students may also be considered, provided they meet the other eligibility requirements, and have completed at least 1 semester (50 points) in their current course.

• **Students must have completed a full year of language study at a tertiary level in the language they intend to study overseas, expected to have been completed at the University of Melbourne (currently enrolled students who have studied a full year of language through UMEP program are also eligible) and**
• Be currently enrolled in a subject of the same language - Students who are not enrolled in the language at the time of application should submit an additional note with their application, clearly outlining the reason they are not enrolled
• Only students enrolled in a University of Melbourne degree/diploma are eligible; ie. students enrolled at another university who undertake complementary language subjects at Melbourne are not eligible. Students enrolled in a degree or diploma at the University of Melbourne who undertake complementary language subjects at other institutions are welcome to apply
• Students who have previously received Global Mobility funding including a Melbourne Global Languages Scholarship, Melbourne Global Grant or Melbourne Global Scholars Award will not be considered.”
• You must be undertaking an approved independently organised study abroad program; a University of Melbourne subject overseas or formal exchange program. An approved course of study is one for which you have sought and gained the support of your faculty/school/department. The overseas course should be credit-bearing, and is expected to be of at least 6 weeks’ duration. Shorter programs of suitable intensity may be allowed, but will normally be supported by part-scholarships only. Such programs should be equivalent to at least a 12.5 University of Melbourne languages subject. All study programs shorter than a semester in length must be of an intensive nature
• The Scholarship cannot be deferred. If you defer your overseas study, you must reapply for the scholarship in the appropriate round.

If you meet the above criteria and are receiving credit for your overseas study towards a University of Melbourne qualification, but are unsuccessful in gaining a language scholarship, your application will be forwarded to the Melbourne Scholarships Office for consideration.

How to apply for the Melbourne global Languages Scholarship 2015

1. Check that your proposed study takes place in the current round of Melbourne global Languages applications eg You must be travelling to study between May - November to be eligible for the current round
2. Check that you are eligible to apply for a Melbourne Global Languages Scholarship by looking at the eligibility criteria listed above

Exchange students: Please note that the application process for Melbourne Global Languages Scholarship is separate from the Exchange process.
Languages scholarship committee

All Melbourne Global Languages Scholarship applications are considered by the Languages Scholarship Committee ("The Committee"). The Committee consists of members from the School of Languages and Linguistics and the Asia Institute:

- Head of the School of Languages and Linguistics (Chair)
- Executive Officer, School of Languages and Linguistics (Secretary)
- School Manager, School of Languages and Linguistics
- Academic representative, Asia Institute; and
- Academic representative, School of Languages and Linguistics

The Committee considers applications and awards scholarships and forwards the nominations to the Melbourne Scholarships office who email students with an offer letter and facilitate scholarship payments. The School of Languages and Linguistics will notify unsuccessful applicants. For Round 1, offer letters are normally emailed to students in April and Round 2 offer letters are normally emailed in October.

More information

Faculty of Arts scholarships
Melbourne Scholarships