Selkirk Linguistics Outreach Fund
Application Information

The Linguistics Outreach Fund (LOF) provides small grants to support research on understudied and/or endangered languages that contributes to a theoretically informed description or analysis of the language, and is carried out under the mentorship of faculty in the Linguistics Department at UMass Amherst. To be eligible for LOF grants, you must be:

(i) a recent or current undergraduate, M.A. or Ph.D. student, either at UMass or elsewhere, who is a native speaker of an understudied language or dialect or member of an understudied language community OR
(ii) a graduate student in the Linguistics Ph.D. program at UMass who intends to carry out original field research on an understudied language or dialect in the community where the language or dialect is spoken.

An important consideration in the selection of students for the LOF awards will be the context for the project and in particular the relationships that the student has established with members of the relevant language communities who are either themselves engaged in linguistic research on the language, or who are engaged in efforts at language maintenance or revitalization. Applicants would ideally be considering a longer term commitment to research on the language that would go beyond the project supported by the Linguistics Outreach Fund.

LOF grants will be used to fund travel, living expenses, visa fees, language consultant fees, and acquisition of language documentation associated with the research project, with total expenses for any project normally not exceeding $5000.

**LOF grant applications for UMass students should include:**
(i) a one-page research proposal. The proposal should be formatted at minimum 12-point single spaced with 1-inch margins. Tables, examples, references can be on a separate page.
(ii) a statement addressing the context for the research. This statement should not exceed one page, and should be formatted as above.
(iii) a letter from the proposed UMass faculty mentor indicating support for the project
(iv) a time plan
(v) a budget.

**LOF grant applications for students not from UMass**
- may be made by the student or jointly by the student and the proposed faculty mentor in the UMass Amherst Linguistics Department.
- should include a letter of interest from the student as well as the proposal, statement of context, letter from faculty mentor, time plan and budget as indicated above.

**Application deadlines are Oct. 15 and March 15. Submit applications to**
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