Call for Applications for Graduate Second Language Studies Fellows

The Center for Second Language Studies invites applications for up to five Graduate Second Language Studies Fellows for the 2018-19 academic year.

Graduate SLS Fellows are central to the functioning of the Center for Second Language Studies. Through support of the Center’s signature programs as well as through the design and implementation of the Fellows’ own projects, Fellows take advantage of CSLS’s resources to pursue their own SLS work while contributing to the professionalization of language teaching at Vanderbilt and the mission of the center. Fellowships carry a $2,500 financial award, access to center workspace, membership to the Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association Conference during the fellowship year and registration to the TFLA conference.

Expectations:

Fellows are active participants in the life of CSLS, attending talks, participating in working groups, and advocating for CSLS within their home departments. Fellows divide their time (about 5 hours per week) between support for CSLS’s core programs and work on their own SLS Project (“Fellow’s Project”).

Support for the Center’s Programming

Each Fellow will support CSLS in several of the following ways. Specific tasks will be assigned to Fellows based on their interests and qualifications. Fellows may:

- Support the Foreign Language Edge (all Fellows)
- Coordinate and support the center’s “Friday at Two-Thirty” speaker series
- Design promotional materials for center events
- Host conversation events in their language area (e.g. Kaffeestunde)
- Support programming related to the SLS certificate
- Contribute to the Language Panda Repository both by creating content and providing technical support
- Contribute to CSLS’s Social Media Presence (Twitter, Instagram) and Website
- Facilitate the Center’s “Readings in Second Language Studies” Series
Fellow’s Project

The centerpiece of the fellowship is the Fellow’s Project. Each fellow develops a unique project pursuing second language studies research or promoting new methods in second language teaching at Vanderbilt. With the support of a faculty advisor of their choosing (approved by CSLS director Nathalie Dieu-Porter), fellows may choose any form for their projects, including the coordination of working groups, development of new research, etc. Fellows present the results of their projects to the Vanderbilt SLS community in CSLS at the conclusion of the fellowship period.

Eligibility and Application Process:

To be eligible for a Fellowship, students must be in good standing in a graduate language program at Vanderbilt University.

To apply, please submit: a statement of interest (about 500 words) discussing your background and interests in Second Language Studies, including particular CSLS programs you are well qualified to support, and sketching a proposal for a Fellow’s Project; your CV; and a letter of recommendation from a faculty member familiar with your foreign language teaching and/or interest in SLS research.

Send all materials to CSLS director Nathalie Dieu-Porter (nathalie.d.porter@vanderbilt.edu) and Scholar-in-Residence Oliver Knabe (oliver.knabe@vanderbilt.edu) by April 27th 2018.