

McTyeire International House

Application Instructions for Language Groups
(Spanish, German, Japanese, Chinese, French, Russian, Korean)
Academic Year 2021-2022

1. Read the *Introduction to the Living Learning Language Community* (p.2).
2. Ask your current or former Vanderbilt language instructor to fill in the Instructor's Evaluation form [here](#); they will complete the evaluation and route it per directions on the form. Should you not have or have had a Vanderbilt instructor, please contact the faculty adviser of your language department: Palacios (Spanish), Schade (German), Petit (French), Shimizu (Japanese), Liu (Chinese), Johnson (Russian), Jang (Korean) for a short interview.
3. Complete and sign the McTyeire application. Make sure you have read the [McTyeire Handbook](#) which describes the program and explains the commitments of residency.
4. Email the application for the academic year 2021-2022 to the McTyeire program director, [Anja Bandas](#), by 12 p.m. CT, noon, Thursday, March 18, 2021.

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An Introduction to the Living Learning Language Community

What is McTyeire?

The McTyeire International House, one of several *Living Learning Communities* on campus, promotes the use of foreign languages and the awareness of different cultures. McTyeire offers programs to students seeking to improve their fluency in French, German, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, Korean or Russian as well as a program, offered in English, to students seeking to learn more about international topics. Students are required to speak their target languages or discuss international topics at specific activities, including weekly study breaks and international dinner conversations – conducted 6-7 p.m. CT, Monday through Thursday, on Zoom during the pandemic. McTyeire's kitchen specializes in international cuisine from around the world. All McTyeire residents are housed in single rooms.

Who Lives in McTyeire?

It is not necessary to be a language major to be part of McTyeire's language groups. In fact, one of McTyeire's main attractions is the diversity of its residents. Residency is open to students of all majors and schools of the University, second year and higher. The McTyeire community also includes a select number of native speakers. Many of the students are preparing to study in one of the Vanderbilt-affiliated overseas programs or have just returned from their time abroad. The only requirements are sufficient language ability to converse informally (when joining a language group) and the willingness to participate in both group specific and McTyeire-wide activities.

How to get into McTyeire?

The International House is a project of the College of Arts and Science in partnership with the Office of Housing and Residential Experience and Campus Dining. It is open to all students of the University, second-year and higher. **Please, email your application form for the academic year 2021-2022 to the McTyeire program director, Anja Bandas, by 12 p.m. CT, Thursday, March 18, 2021.**

Whom to Call?

For more information about McTyeire, please contact Anja Bandas at anja.bandas@vanderbilt.edu. Please make sure to read the [McTyeire Handbook](#).

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Language group for which you are applying: _____ Application for academic year 2021-2022.

Name: _____ Gender: _____

VUnet ID: _____ Semester to graduate: _____

Current year (select one):

School: _____

Major(s): _____

Minor(s): _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

How did you find out about McTyeire? _____

* Please read [McTyeire Handbook](#).

Questions may be directed to Anja Bandas, program director, at anja.bandas@vanderbilt.edu.

Application Questions:

1. How do you rate your own conversational skills in the target language? Please select one:

2. Please list your VU target language courses, if any, and professors' names.

3. Why have you decided to study your target language? Please describe your background in the target language other than Vanderbilt courses (if applicable). Have you lived abroad, been involved in international activities or taken courses involving another culture?

4. What are your personal and professional goals in regard to the target language and how can the McTyeire program further these goals? Do you plan on studying abroad – where?

5. Which of the program activities listed in the [McTyeire Handbook](#) interest you most? Explain why. Which activities and/or topics for study breaks would you suggest for next year? Be specific.

Statement:

I understand that, for this application to be considered I must have completed OHARE's Housing Application (when available in the Student Housing Portal).

I understand that residents of McTyeire are required to contract for board in the McTyeire Dining Room (see [McTyeire Handbook](#)).

I understand that if accepted, I will be expected to abide by Vanderbilt University housing rules and regulations, and that if I fail to meet the expectations and/or fail to abide by the rules published in the [McTyeire Handbook](#), I may be required to vacate my space in McTyeire Hall and move into any available housing.

My signature below also confirms that I have read the [McTyeire Handbook](#) and expect to budget my time so as to be able to participate fully in the McTyeire programs of my language-speaking group, including the dinner conversations from 6 - 7 p.m. CT, Monday through Thursday.

Signature: _____

Date: _____