



Berkeley Language Center
Professional Development Fellowship Application
For Graduate Students

The Berkeley Language Center is pleased to announce the availability of up to six one-semester GSR (Step IV) positions in the upcoming academic year (pending authorization of funding).

These fellowships will enable graduate students to work on special projects both to improve the quality of language instruction in their current department and to enhance their professional development as teachers, which can potentially benefit their future chances of employment at other institutions. Research projects might include research on: theoretical aspects of second language acquisition; language learning media and instructional materials; handbooks on specific aspects of language teaching; innovative activities to teach literature or culture in the language class; drama techniques to teach language; performance-based tests to assess linguistic, literary or cultural competence. The fellowship culminates in a presentation to the UC Berkeley language community. Past fellows have also presented their research at conferences, or published their work in established journals.

The projects will be undertaken in collaboration with the BLC Executive Director, Kimberly Vinnall. Regular attendance at the weekly research fellows' meetings is required. Graduate students teaching any foreign language at UC Berkeley are eligible to apply. Those teaching less commonly taught languages are particularly encouraged to apply. If you are interested, we strongly encourage you to discuss your research project proposal with either Rick Kern or Kimberly Vinnall.

Please complete the fellowship application form, and include a two-page description of your project (see specifications on application form), a current CV, and a letter of recommendation by the chair of your department, explaining how your project benefits the teaching and research mission of your department and/or your academic development. Submit application and documentation via email or mail to:

Professor Rick Kern, Berkeley Language Center, B-40 Dwinelle Hall #2640

BLC Fellowships are funded by the Dean of Arts and Humanities. Graduate students and lecturers in departments outside of Arts and Humanities should seek funding with their department chairs and/or dean before applying. This has been possible in the past, but is decided on a case-by-case basis and the availability of funds.

Deadline for Application:
First Monday in February of the year of application.

