Scholarships and Financial Support

Slavic Department Scholarships and Prizes

Every year we award several different prizes to our students at the departmental Convocation ceremony. See our Departmental Awards and Prizes page for information about past recipients of these awards.

Slavic Excellence Prizes

These prizes are awarded for the best paper written by an undergraduate and graduate student. They include a prize of $250, to be applied to tuition. If you wrote a paper for a Slavic Department course within the past year (SPR 2020 - WIN 2021) and received a grade of 3.9 or better, you are encouraged to apply for this prize.

Application Procedure

Interested students should e-mail a copy of their paper and a cover sheet (including their name, address, e-mail, instructor’s name, and the title of the course for which they wrote the paper) to slavadm@uw.edu.

Submissions are due by 5:00pm on May 1, 2021.

Outstanding Students and Best Language Students

The Outstanding Undergraduate and Graduate Student prizes are awarded for academic excellence and service to the department. They include awards of $150 and $200, respectively. There are also awards for the best student in several language areas, including Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian, Czech, Polish, Russian, and Slovene. These awards include small monetary prizes or other gifts. Recipients are selected by faculty familiar with students in the department, there is no application process for Outstanding Student or Best Language Student awards.

UW Polish Studies Scholarship

The UW Polish Studies Scholarship is offered by the UW Polish Endowment Committee, and is made possible by the generosity of supporters and friends of UW Polish Studies. Awarded to UW students interested in studying in an accredited program in Poland, recipients receive up to $1,500 to use toward airfare, lodging and/or tuition. Priority is given to students travelling to Poland to study the Polish language, although support may be also provided to students who would like to pursue other aspects of Polish studies.

Application Procedure

Interested students should send their application materials, and any questions, to the Slavic Department Administrator at slavadm@uw.edu.

The application should include:
A 2-page, double-spaced essay, in which you explain your intended academic plans and how these funds will assist you

2. A budget outlining your expenses

3. One letter of support from a faculty member

4. An unofficial copy of your transcript

Applications for studies between June 2021 and May 2022 are due by 5pm on March 27, 2021. Results will be announced by April 20, 2021.

Vadim Pahn Scholarship

Awarded to undergraduates who have been, or are currently, enrolled in the University of Washington Russian language program, the Vadim Pahn Scholarship provides students who plan to enroll in RUSS 250 during summer quarter with a $1,500 scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage and promote knowledge of the Russian language and culture, as well as to increase understanding of Russia and its people. PLEASE NOTE: This scholarship does not provide funding for students enrolling in RUSS 150.

Application Procedure

Interested students should send their application materials to:

Vadim Pahn Scholarship Committee
Slavic Department, Box 354335
University of Washington
Seattle, WA 98195-4335

The application should include:

1. A one-page letter that includes a statement explaining why you are studying Russian
2. A letter of recommendation from one of your Russian language instructors
3. A copy of your latest academic transcript

Applications for summer 2021 are due by 5:00 pm on May 15, 2021.

Other UW Funding

- Ellison Center for Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies: REECAS offers numerous funding opportunities for both graduate and undergraduate students, including FLAS Fellowships and awards for summer travel.
- College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Office: The A&S Dean's Office administers several scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students.
- UW Libraries and The Study Abroad Office: Both organizations maintain a list of resources to assist in paying for study abroad experiences.
- Husky Promise Program: Covers the full cost of tuition and standard fees for qualified undergraduate students seeking their first Bachelor's degree, and who otherwise could not afford to attend.
- The Financial Aid Office: Students can find a number of financial aid opportunities, including scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study options.

Graduate students interested in Teaching/Research Assistantships and fellowships should see our Graduate Student Financial Support page.

External Funding
There are many organizations that provide funding for students in Slavic and related fields. Simply search for "Polish scholarships," "Russian scholarships," and so on in your favorite search engine.

- The American Council for Polish Culture: Scholarships for students of Polish descent, and those interested in Poland.

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