

KU International Affairs  
Summer Pre-Dissertation Travel Grant Application Form

Application Deadline:  
March 5, 2025, 5pm

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Eligibility Checklist:

- Research activity must take place in **Latin America or Africa**.
- Completed 2 years of graduate coursework (1 at KU) by summer 2024.
- Enrolled in a KU program leading to a Ph.D. degree
- Will not be admitted to doctoral candidacy (passed comprehensive exams) prior to August 2025

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Country/Nation of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Education**

Degree you are currently working toward \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_ Campus \_\_\_\_\_

Dates you completed/expect to complete: Masters \_\_\_\_\_

Prelims/Qualifying Exams \_\_\_\_\_

Doctorate \_\_\_\_\_

List all colleges and universities attended, highest degree(s) earned and date(s) awarded.

Institution	Degree Earned	Date Awarded (Mo/Year)

Brief Abstract of Proposal / Research Topic (50 words maximum):

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Country(ies) for which you are applying to travel for pre-dissertation research with this grant:

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List the name and application due date for any and all dissertation grants/fellowships for which you will apply: (i.e. Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Grant,)

GRANT NAME	APPLICATION DUE DATE

### Previous Travel Experience

Please provide details of all previous visits to the country/countries that this proposal involves. Including approximate dates, length of visit, purpose of visit, and source of funding for trip.

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### Personal Statement

Attach a 1-page statement describing the objectives and goals of your proposed pre-dissertation trip. Please be sure to include a detailed budget for your travel expenses. This can include air/ground transportation and lodging.

### Proposed Itinerary

List all estimated points of travel related to your proposed project and return to the United States and approximate dates of travel.

On \_\_\_\_\_ (date) I will depart from Lawrence for \_\_\_\_\_ (city).

On \_\_\_\_\_ (date) I will depart from \_\_\_\_\_(city) for \_\_\_\_\_ (city).

On \_\_\_\_\_ (date) I will depart from \_\_\_\_\_(city) for \_\_\_\_\_ (city).

On \_\_\_\_\_ (date) I will depart from \_\_\_\_\_(city) for Lawrence.

## Language Competence

Language of Host Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years of formal language study of this language you have completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your proficiency in speaking, listening comprehension, reading and writing.

*Scale: 0 (None) 1 (Poor) 2 (Fair) 3 (Adequate) 4 (Good) 5 (Excellent) N (Native)*

Speaking	0	1	2	3	4	5	N
Listening Comprehension	0	1	2	3	4	5	N
Reading	0	1	2	3	4	5	N
Writing	0	1	2	3	4	5	N

## Language Evaluation

Please ask a faculty member, preferably from University of Kansas, familiar with your language proficiency to complete the Foreign Language Report (page 5) and email directly to J. R. Speake at [jrspeake@ku.edu](mailto:jrspeake@ku.edu) by the application deadline. Please list the name and email address of the person you have asked to provide this evaluation so we can anticipate their communication.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## References

Please ask two faculty members, at least one from the University of Kansas, to email letters of reference to J. R. Speake at [jrspeake@ku.edu](mailto:jrspeake@ku.edu). All references must be received by the application deadline.

*The following prompts would be helpful to provide to your references.*

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
2. What is your opinion of the merit and importance of the student's proposal?
3. Specifically, how do the goals of this proposal contribute to the applicant's degree objective?

In the following table, list your references so that we can expect to receive their communication.

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Campus</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
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A complete application will include the following

- a) Completed application form (all responses *must* be completed)
- b) Personal statement

The following references can be emailed directly to J. R. Speake, [jrspeake@ku.edu](mailto:jrspeake@ku.edu), by the application deadline

- c) Foreign Language Report form
- d) Two references letters

I hereby certify that all information that I have given above and have provided for this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

**Email complete applications to J. R. Speake at [jrspeake@ku.edu](mailto:jrspeake@ku.edu). Deadline for receipt of all materials is: March 5, 2025, 5:00pm.**

# Foreign Language Report

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_

Language Being Evaluated \_\_\_\_\_

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(Remainder of form to be completed by referee)

1. Comment on applicant's present language ability in relation to the project in each of these categories:

## AURAL COMPREHENSION:

- None
- Limited to slow, uncomplicated sentences
- Understands simple conversation
- Understands conversation on simple academic topics
- Understands sophisticated discussion of academic topics

## SPEAKING ABILITY:

- None
- Can only frame structurally simple, short utterances
- Uses basic grammatical structure, speaking with limited vocabulary
- Uses structural patterns, but not with consistent accuracy. Adequate to handle conversational subjects
- Has control over structural patterns; can handle a wide range of conversational situations

## READING ABILITY:

- None
- Limited to simple vocabulary and sentence structure
- Understands conventional topics and non-technical subjects
- Understands materials whose content contains idioms and specialized terminology
- Understands sophisticated materials including field of proposed study literature

## WRITING ABILITY:

- None
- Writes simple sentences on conventional topics, with some errors in spelling and structure
- Writes on academic topics with few errors in structure and spelling
- Writes with idiomatic ease of expression and feeling for the style of the language

2. Mark (X) appropriate box to indicate your general opinion of this applicant's foreign language ability.

- Should have no difficulty
- Should be able to manage adequately after a short period of adjustment abroad
- Should be able to manage adequately after some additional formal language training
- Will require considerable training before necessary competence can be attained

3. Is the applicant's present language competence adequate to carry out the proposed study?

- Yes                       No

METHOD: Indicate briefly how the evaluation was determined.

Referee (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please print or type (Name and Title) \_\_\_\_\_

**Provide requested information on this form or on additional pages and submit all materials to: J. R. Speake at [jrspeake@ku.edu](mailto:jrspeake@ku.edu). Deadline for receipt of all materials is: March 5, 2025.**