

English Language Programs Summer Graduate Assistantship in the International Summer Institute

The **English Language Programs Summer Graduate Assistantship in the International Summer Institute** is a competitive 3-month opportunity awarded to two outstanding doctoral students from Northwestern University. The assistantship provides each student with the following: experience in program development and leadership, outreach with international students, and a mentored team environment in which to build varied skills for future employment. Students are expected to make progress on their dissertation research and writing while working in ISI; the opportunity is designed to approximate typical assistantship time commitments and responsibilities.

Funding

- The Graduate School will provide one quarter of summer assistantship funding.
- Tuition scholarship will be paid in full during the assistantship.

Principal Responsibilities

- Developing and leading social events for 48 international PhD and MFA students enrolled in the International Summer Institute, working under the guidance of Director Julia Moore and Program Coordinator Brian Hampson. Events include concerts, dinners, architecture tours, beach outings, game nights, museum tours, and more.
- Serving as a peer mentor to international PhD and MFA students enrolled in the program-answering student questions and troubleshooting concerns on an informal basis.
- Supporting Assistant Director of Integration Lisa Del Torto in ISI's Integration series on adjusting to life in the United States, including serving on panels and making short presentations.
- Assisting with the administration of the Integration Issues Conference on August 25, 2017.

Eligibility

- PhD or MFA students in good academic standing. Students from all disciplines are welcome and encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to students who have achieved PhD candidate status and are ABD, with exams passed and prospectus approved.
- Student must be available locally from beginning of summer quarter 2017 through September 1. Students can expect their schedules have more flexibility in June and July: the schedule becomes more intense in the last week of July and August (when the program is in session).
- Applicants who are international students must have met The Graduate School's English Language Proficiency requirement.

Who Should Apply

- Doctoral students who wish to conduct outreach with international students and develop intercultural competence, or who are preparing for their own studies or work abroad. International and domestic students are both welcome to apply.
- Students who wish to develop skills in leadership, mentorship, teamwork, and presenting information in an academic setting.
- Students looking for a dynamic, community-oriented experience, with the opportunity to explore Chicago and Evanston.

Application

- Statement of purpose, explaining why and how this opportunity would be beneficial to their professional and academic advancement, and what they have to offer the program (up to 350 words)
- Abstract or abbreviated description of dissertation topic (up to 200 words)
- CV or Resume
- Letter of support from advisor (thesis director)

Applications should be sent via email as single PDF attachment to English Language Programs at elp@northwestern.edu by 5pm on Friday, April 28, 2017

About the International Summer Institute

Northwestern University brings students and scholars from around the world to engage in research, graduate studies and intellectual exchange. The International Summer Institute eases the transition to life at Northwestern for entering Northwestern Ph.D. and MFA students. Our mission is to provide linguistic, emotional, academic and practical support through intensive instruction in English, opportunities to socialize outside the classroom, and practical advice on integrating into an American university and the local culture.

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