

2026 Arts Global Languages Scholarship Guidelines

Background

Each year a limited number of scholarships are awarded to high-achieving undergraduate and graduate language students to support language-enriching study at overseas institutions. These scholarships are designed to assist with the costs of undertaking intensive study programs of reasonable length, or semester/year-long exchanges.

(Exchange students: Please note that the application process for **Arts Global Languages Scholarship** is separate to the **exchange application** process).

Important information for 2026 applications

Check that your proposed study takes place in the travel period in the application round in which you are applying.

Timelines	Round 1	Round 2
Applications	Open 9 February Close 10 April	Open 29 June 2026 Close 7 September 2026
For travel Period	May 2026 to October '26	November 2026 to April 2026
Outcome Notification	By 4 May 2026	By 5 October 2026

How to apply for the 2026 Arts Global Languages Scholarship

- Ensure you meet the **Eligibility Criteria** to apply for an Arts Global Languages Scholarship.
- Gain written approval from the **Coordinator, Study Abroad and Exchange in your program**.
- Your Approved Proposed Study Plan is required from [Stop 1](#). (Students applying for University of Melbourne Overseas Subjects (UMOS) of an appropriate length are exempted from this.)
- Attach evidence of your current enrolment at University of Melbourne (from my.unimelb).
- If applying for an Exchange or Study Abroad program, attach a copy of your Melbourne University Exchange Approval email from Global Mobility.
- Complete the application form. **Ensure that you read the details carefully.** If you are applying for special consideration, ensure that you outline which areas of eligibility you do not fit within and why you feel you should be considered as a candidate.
- If you experience any issues submitting the Microsoft form and the attachments, send them instead to the School of Languages and Linguistics Office at soll-info@unimelb.edu.au.

Scholarship funding value

The funding value of the scholarship ranges from \$1,500 to \$8,000 for programs between three weeks and a year, depending on the country of destination and/or the length of the proposed program of study. Intensive study programs will be considered. For University of Melbourne Overseas (UMOS) subjects, the **minimum** duration of the program is two weeks.

Students are considered against the eligibility criteria by the Arts Global Languages Scholarship Committee, and eligible applicants are awarded a scholarship to an amount determined by the duration of the course and the country of travel. Should the number of successful applicants outstrip the funding available, successful applicants will be ranked by WAM and scholarships will be awarded based on highest WAM until the funding runs out.

Eligibility Criteria

The criteria for applying for an Arts Global Languages Scholarship are:

STUDENTS

1. Students must be enrolled in a University of Melbourne degree during the scholarship application round.
2. At the time of application:
 - a. Graduate students must have completed 50 points in their enrolled course.
 - b. Undergraduate students must have completed 100 points in their enrolled course.
 - c. All students must have completed 25 points of modern language (other than English) study at the University of Melbourne, or through approved complementary language subjects at other institutions which are credited against the enrolled degree or diploma.
3. At the time of application, students must be enrolled in a subject that teaches the same language as the target language of their overseas study.
4. Applicants must have no results below 70% (H2B) in the target language, and an overall WAM of 70% across their academic record.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

5. The target language to be studied must be either a native or official language of the intended country of exchange or study abroad.
6. The proposed overseas program of study must be equivalent to at least 12.5 points delivered in the target language and be credit bearing towards the currently enrolled University of Melbourne course.
7. Overseas programs shorter than a semester must be of an intensive delivery mode with at least three weeks in duration. Note: for University of Melbourne Overseas Subjects (UMOS), the minimum duration is two weeks. Students undertaking a UMOs program are not required to submit their approved proposed Study Plan.
8. The overseas study program must be approved by the Faculty and the University.

OTHER

9. Students are **ineligible** for an Arts Global Languages Scholarship if they have previously been, or have currently been awarded any of the following:
 - a) Melbourne Mobility Awards
 - b) Arts Global Languages Scholarship (previously known as Melbourne Global Languages Scholarship)
 - c) New Colombo Plan funding
 - d) Faculty of Arts Exchange Enabling Scholarship
 - e) Any other funding related to facilitation of student global mobility
10. The Scholarship cannot be deferred; students unable to travel in the period the scholarship is awarded should reapply again in a future round.
11. Should a student receive a scholarship but the planned study abroad does not eventuate and the travel is cancelled, funds must be returned to the University.
12. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Credit

Awards will be given only for courses that can be credited to a University of Melbourne degree or diploma. **Students must obtain School and Faculty approval** to credit their chosen overseas course to their degree. Please see your Coordinator, Study Abroad, and [Stop 1](#) to have your application form approved.

On Return from Study Overseas

Upon return from study overseas you may be requested to provide a short-written reflection on your exchange or study abroad experience. This may be used, for example, to promote the Scholarship, as a "[SoLL Talk](#)" blog post, or various other communication channels.

Languages Scholarship Committee

All Arts Global Languages Scholarship applications are considered and awarded by the Languages Scholarship Committee ('The Committee'). The Committee consists of members from the School of Languages and Linguistics and the Asia Institute as per below:

- School Manager, School of Languages and Linguistics (Co-Chair)
- School Manager, Asia Institute (Co-Chair)
- Academic representative, Asia Institute
- Academic representative, School of Languages and Linguistics
- Executive Support Officer, School of Languages and Linguistics (Secretary)

Conditions

- You must receive permission and enrol in the overseas study program for which you were offered the award.
- If your overseas study program is postponed or cancelled by any party, after you have received the award payment, you must contact [Stop 1](#) immediately. You may be required to return the payment.
- You must provide a scholarship report if/when requested and will be asked to give permission for the University to share the report, your name and course details on social media or the School's [SOLL Talk Blog](#).
- You agree to participate in any ambassadorship activities as requested by the University of Melbourne which include the [SOLL Talk Blog](#) and other social media channels, events and student showcases.
- When you receive a mobility award, you will not be eligible for another award as part of your current degree.
- UoM Global Learning cannot process payments until the student has been enrolled in their placeholder subject.

Notification

The School of Languages and Linguistics will notify successful and unsuccessful applicants.

More information

[Faculty of Arts Scholarships and Prizes](#)
[Scholarships and Bursaries](#)
[Melbourne Mobility Awards](#)
[School of Languages and Linguistics](#)
[Asia Institute](#)
[Stop 1](#)

Unsuccessful? There are more options:

Applicants not awarded an Arts Global Languages Scholarship should visit the [Study Overseas Funding](#) web page for further scholarship options.

