



***Robert G. Wilmers Jr. 1990 Memorial Summer Language Study Grant
& Linen Fellowship for Language Study in Asia***

Fellowship Application Deadline: February 23, 2026

The Robert G. Wilmers Jr. 1990 Memorial Summer Language Study Grant is open to first-years, sophomores and juniors, and it is only tenable outside of the United States. It is made possible by Robert Wilmers and Gertrude Wilmers, in memory of their son, Robert G. Wilmers Jr. 1990. The Fellowship will sponsor students planning to enroll in a full-time formal language study program for a minimum of four (4) weeks in a country where the target language is commonly spoken.

The Wilmers funds will support ten to fifteen students for up to \$6,000 each for study at an international program. There is no restriction on the language or the level of studies (e.g. beginner, advanced), but students proposing beginners study of a language taught at Williams may not be prioritized.

Linen Fellowships for Summer Study in Asia are open to first-years, sophomores and juniors, and they are tenable in an Asian region. Applicants intending to conduct intensive Asian language study at a reputable program in Asia will be considered for both the Wilmers and the Linen grants. Linen Fellows are selected by the faculty in the Department of Asian Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. Priority will be given to majors or prospective majors in the Department of Asian Languages, Literatures, and Cultures and students who pursue a concentration in the Program of Asian Studies, especially those who study the third-year level (or above) in Chinese or Japanese, or the second-year level in Hindi/Urdu or Korean. In some cases, beginner-level language study proposals may also be considered. The amount of Linen awards varies depending on each applicant's merit and needs.

Applicants for the Wilmers (and Linen) Language Study Fellowships must provide a well-articulated rationale for the language they want to study, the location, and the program of instruction.

The application consists of:

- An essay of 600 words or less explaining your interest in your chosen language, your choice of program, and the benefit of the proposed language study to your continued education.
- Program description, including links to official program descriptions.
- Resume, up to two pages in length.
- A Williams transcript. This will be the internal transcript from your PeopleSoft Account.
- A budget which will include all program costs, travel expenses, accommodations and incidental expenses
- One recommendation

You may open the application form using the link below, and save and return to complete it at a later date.

You must name a recommender in the application and you should discuss your study plans with the recommender. Their recommendation is due to the Fellowships Office by March 2, 2026 and should be uploaded using [this form](#).



[LINK TO THE APPLICATION FORM](#)

[Information for recommenders](#)

Questions? Contact **Katya King** (kpk1@williams.edu) in the Office of Fellowships, Hopkins Hall.