



Frequently Asked Questions

2023-2024 Duolingo Dissertation Grants

What is it?

The Duolingo Dissertation Grant supports dissertation research by doctoral candidates specializing in three areas:

- [Language learning](#): second language learning
- [Literacy](#): early (K-3) English literacy learning
- [Math](#): elementary mathematics learning

Five grants will be awarded in second language learning and one grant will be awarded for literacy and math respectively.

Who is eligible?

Applicants should be at the level of advanced candidacy (Ph.D or Ed. D) and their dissertation proposals should have been approved by the relevant departmental authorities at their institutions on or before May 31st, 2023. The grant program is open to any doctoral candidate, regardless of nationality or institution location.

How do I make sure my topic is a good fit?

Language. Language topics should be in the area of second language acquisition. We are particularly interested in research studies that can be used to improve language learning and language teaching. For some examples, please take a look at the [2020](#), [2021](#), and [2022](#) grant recipients.

Literacy. Literacy topics should be in the area of early (K-3) English literacy learning. These can be topics such as phonemic awareness, phonics / decoding, fluency, vocabulary acquisition, and comprehension. Research that focuses on related concepts outside of this area (e.g. oral

language development), on specific program or product evaluations will not be strong fits for this grant.

Math. Math topics should be in the area of elementary mathematics learning. Research that focuses on concepts typically outside elementary mathematics (e.g. calculus) or where student learning does not play a central role (e.g. teacher in-person professional development) will not be strong fits for this grant. Research across methods and inquiry traditions is welcomed.

Are there rules about how to use the funding?

No, however applicants must submit a one-page summary of the timeline and budget for the \$5,000.

Are there formatting requirements for the one-page summary of timeline and budget?

Please use the same requirements as for the summary of research (12pt font, single spaced).

Is a CV required as part of the application?

No, a CV is not required as part of the application.

In previous years, you've awarded grants to MA students. Are you awarding MA grants this year?

No, we are not awarding grants to MA students this year.

Can I apply to more than one grant program?

Applicants may only apply to one Duolingo Research Grant program. If your research is relevant to more than one program, please choose the one for which you think your research is the strongest fit.

Will there be an opportunity to learn more?

Yes! Duolingo held an informational webinar for all programs on Monday, May 1, 2023, to provide an additional opportunity for applicants to ask questions. Click [here](#) to watch the recording.

To watch last year's recording go [here](#).

Can I get in touch with Duolingo to ask questions about the grants?

Yes, please send any questions to researchgrants@duolingo.com.

How do I apply?

Applications should be [submitted](#) by 11:59 p.m. PT, May 31, 2023. Notifications will be sent out by August 31st, 2023. For more information on what to include and where to submit the applications, please see individual program calls:

- [Language Learning](#)
- [Literacy](#)
- [Math](#)