

NSF Scholarships for the 2010 3L International Summer School on Language Documentation and Description

We are pleased to announce that the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) has agreed to provide scholarships for qualified graduate students at U.S. universities to attend the third annual 3L International Summer School on Language Documentation and Description (3LSS) in Leiden, the Netherlands, from 5-17 July 2010. For further information about 3LSS-Leiden, please visit the website: <http://www.hrelp.org/events/3L/leiden2010/index.html> .

The purpose of these scholarships is to promote greater participation of researchers in documenting and describing endangered sign languages. The scholarships cover travel expenses, lodging, per diem, and tuition fees. The 3L Summer School will provide signed-spoken language interpretation of Sign Language of the Netherlands (NGT), International Sign, and English.

Supported by the Documenting Endangered Languages (DEL) program (<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2006/nsf06577/nsf06577.htm>), these scholarships are administered by 3LSS-Leiden and by the University of Texas. Inquiries about the scholarship and application process should be directed to the 3L sign language team at nsfgrant-leiden@gmail.com. Please do not contact NSF for further information.

➤ **Eligibility:**

3LSS NSF scholarships are open to graduate students at U.S. universities only, with preference given to those who study sign languages and Deaf communities.

➤ **Instructions:**

To apply, eligible applicants must complete the following requisite application materials:

1. A general 3LSS application form
(<http://www.hrelp.org/events/3L/leiden2010/registration.html>)
2. An NSF scholarship application, which should include the following information:
 - a. Two essays: one in English and the other in American Sign Language. Both essays should include the following information:

State your research interests, current academic activities, and your purpose in attending the 2010 3L Summer School in Leiden, the Netherlands. Please specify any languages that you know, study, or currently work on (and/or plan to document and describe in the future). Describe your long-term educational and professional plans, explaining how study at 3LSS will enhance those goals.
 - i) The written English essay should be limited to 2-5 of pages and should be submitted in PDF format
 - ii) The video essay in American Sign Language should be compressed in Quick Time format (5-10 minutes).
- b. A curriculum vitae, including name; date and place of birth; citizenship status; mailing address; email address; current university; and degree program

c. A letter of recommendation from a faculty member who knows you and your work well. This letter should address what educational benefit you will gain by attending 3L International Summer School. Recommenders should email their letters directly to nsfgrant-leiden@gmail.com.

d. A scanned PDF copy of undergraduate and graduate transcripts

e. We encourage applicants to seek supplemental financial support from their college or university. If any matching financial funds are available, please include a letter of support from your department chair (or other appropriate official) indicating the availability of such funds. Please note that applications will be considered with or without matching support.

➤ Application Submission:

All application materials should be submitted electronically to 3LSS-Leiden NSF scholarship (nsfgrant-leiden@gmail.com). The committee will not consider incomplete applications.

➤ Application Evaluation and Award Notification:

Scholarship applications will be accepted through May 7, 2010. Award notifications will be announced on May 21, 2010. Contingent upon the final administrative disbursement of funds, fellowships packages will be awarded (in part or in full) either prior to the start of the 3LSS or as a reimbursement.

➤ Inquiries:

If you have any questions, please contact nsfgrant-leiden@gmail.com .