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Important Information: At present University-sponsored international travel continues to be suspended, and no international travel should be planned or scheduled. Accordingly, applications for in-person language programs or research travel will not be processed until this suspension is lifted.

Further guidance on support for international research will be issued early in 2021.

I. General Information

PIIRS welcomes applications for summer language study when knowledge of the language is necessary for research. Until further notice, PIIRS will only consider applications for online language learning programs and, in some cases, one-on-one online tutoring. **Students are strongly recommended to apply for online programs even if they entertain realistic hopes that these programs may yet be delivered in person in the summer of 2021. Please note that if programs approved online subsequently do transition, we will reconsider applications in the light of University travel policy as it then pertains.**

Priority for PIIRS funding will be given to students who apply for external financial support. Please consult the PIIRS Graduate Funding website for a list of external grants for which you may be eligible.

To apply for funding from PIIRS, applicants must complete the Summer Funding Application found on SAFE by February 15, 2021. You must also complete the form PIIRS External Funding which summarizes efforts to secure funding from agencies outside Princeton (form can be found the PIIRS website). The PIIRS External Funding form must be received by e-mail at PIIRSsummer@princeton.edu by February 15, 2021.

All applications to PIIRS must supply detailed, itemized budgets justifying projected costs. PIIRS funds are limited (with the size of grants normally being in the \$1000-\$3000 range), and PIIRS often co-funds proposals with other units on campus. Therefore, in putting together your budget, please detail all other sources of funding--both those already secured and being requested outside of PIIRS (including from other Princeton programs).

In addition, we require evidence of the reliability of online programs/tutors. Each online language application should therefore include an approval letter from the relevant department that teaches that language on campus, in addition to one from a student's adviser. In cases where the application is for a language not taught on campus, students are responsible for providing reliable testimonials about the online option.

II. Application Guidelines for Summer Language Study

Complete the Summer Funding Application on SAFE. Applications must include a narrative of no more than 350 words (approximately one page) specifying why language study is necessary for the student's



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research, why the particular program was chosen, and how study outside Princeton builds on the student's prior language training. These applications are read carefully and must provide comprehensive answers to these questions. In addition, you must also provide a detailed budget with a specific explanation of how projected costs were calculated. Students who do not provide full information will not be considered. You will be directed on the application as to how to submit this information.

One letter of recommendation must be submitted.

III. What Costs Are Potentially Covered?

Costs Supported:

For language study: 1) study abroad in languages that are not offered at Princeton during the academic year; 2) advanced language training not available at Princeton during the academic year; 3) on an exceptional basis, language study for languages which might otherwise be completed at Princeton only if applicants can convincingly justify why studying the language outside Princeton is critical to their work and cannot be completed at Princeton, and the level of instruction is beyond the first-year of training.

PIIRS will consider applications to study language at other institutions in the U.S. only if the applicant can demonstrate that there are no alternative opportunities abroad.

Costs allowed for language study: tuition at institutions other than Princeton (in the US and abroad), room and board at the offsite location, food, travel expenses (both airfare to and from the offsite location and transportation within the offsite location).

Costs Not Supported:

- First-year language study online or overseas that can be completed at Princeton during the academic year. (Please refer to item #3 above under the language study section of "Costs Supported" for possible exceptions.)
- Language study that is not critical for research.
- Tuition for the Princeton summer language program on the Princeton campus.
- Living expenses in Princeton if the student is residing elsewhere. PIIRS considers 50% of the student's stipend from the Graduate School as a source for these costs.
- Funding normally excludes the cost of incidentals/books/copying costs/cell phones/laundry, etc.

All recipients of PIIRS funding for language study are required to submit a report on work accomplished. Reports must be submitted to the main PIIRS office by October 31, 2021.