



## Fellowship in Creative Writing and French or German Culture

### About this Fellowship

The SPARK fellowship provides financial support of up to \$4,000 for students' independent summer study abroad in a French or German-speaking country, involving the pursuit of a project that will combine creative writing and cultural translation. The term *cultural translation* encompasses a wide variety of possible projects, including the literary translation of texts from French or German into English or the reflection of intercultural experiences through language or art. The student's project must be completed and submitted to the Franklin College by the end of the student's Fellowship summer experience abroad.

### Fellowship Application Deadline

**Friday 15 January 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** Any application not completed and submitted by this time will be ineligible for consideration. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all parts of an application are completed; therefore it is expected that the student will follow up with his or her recommender to ensure that the letter of recommendation is provided in time to complete this application process. There are no exceptions to this deadline.

### Student Eligibility Requirements

- 1) An applicant must be a **non-transient, degree-seeking major in Franklin College of Arts and Sciences** and have **completed at least one semester** as an undergraduate or graduate student in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences prior to applying.
- 2) An applicant must be a student in good standing at the time of submission of this application as well as during any semester s/he is to receive scholarship funds. Successful applicants will have **at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average**.
- 3) An applicant **must be enrolled for at least 10 credit hours during the Spring semester** (i.e., student must be enrolled during the semester of application) prior to the summer experience abroad.
- 4) An applicant must have completed at least one **Creative Writing** course at UGA.
- 5) An applicant must have completed at least one course required for either the major or minor in **French or German** at UGA.

NOTE: The above creative writing and language course requirements (items 4 and 5) must be met by the time a student embarks on the summer fellowship. In this case, an applicant should indicate in the email conveying his or her application materials that plans are in place to complete a required course (indicate which one) during the spring semester prior to a summer fellowship.

### How to apply to become a *Spark Fellow in Creative Writing and French or German Culture*

PLEASE SEND ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS BY EMAIL TO: [kborders@uga.edu](mailto:kborders@uga.edu)

**DEADLINE TO APPLY: 5:00 pm FRIDAY 15 JANUARY 2021**

**1) FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION(s)** please complete the application located at the links on our webpage. Note that this application includes an *Outline of Plans* that must be completed at the time of application and that may be based on your current estimated travel plans. Please also be aware that this application requires your *signature* in order to be considered for funding. The Fellowship application serves as a kind of contract between the student and the Franklin College, which awards funding based on the promise of a project to be completed at the end of the Fellowship summer experience abroad. The application form is a fillable PDF, so you should be able to complete it on your computer and either add all digital signatures or print it for signatures and then scan it to a PDF file.

**2) FELLOWSHIP PROJECT PROPOSAL** that describes the project that you plan to complete and that addresses translation of intercultural experiences associated with your planned experience abroad. This should be a two page narrative describing your proposed project in as much detail as possible. A PDF file is preferred.

**3) LETTER of RECOMMENDATION** attesting to your academic qualifications and personal attributes. Ask your evaluator to explain how s/he knows you and how long s/he had an opportunity to observe your academic and personal accomplishments. For best results, you should seek a letter from a professor or instructor who has taught you an advanced or challenging subject. If you choose a recommender who is not university faculty, s/he should speak to extra-curricular or work activities that are highly relevant to your major or other professional goals. A letter from a relative is not appropriate.

*This letter should be sent by email directly from the person recommending you. We can accept an attachment or a recommendation written in the body of the email from that person. Please ask the person recommending you to send his or her recommendation to Associate Dean Martin Kagel at: [mkagel@uga.edu](mailto:mkagel@uga.edu).*

#### QUESTIONS?

Contact Associate Dean Martin Kagel at: [mkagel@uga.edu](mailto:mkagel@uga.edu)

#### \*A REMINDER ABOUT NEED-BASED SUPPORT AT UGA

All awards to UGA students are processed and distributed by the [UGA Office of Student Financial Aid](#) (OSFA). Not all Franklin awards are need-based, but many are. We wish to remind you that in order to be considered for need-based support at UGA, you must complete a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** or "FAFSA" form. A FAFSA allows the UGA OSFA to assess your student financial need. If their office does not have a FAFSA assessment for you, they cannot determine your need, which then prevents us from considering you for any need-based awards. If you are unsure about whether you have completed a FAFSA in order to determine eligibility for need-based awards, please contact the UGA OSFA.