SPARK Fellowship in
Creative Writing and French or German Culture

The Franklin College of Arts and Sciences is pleased to announce a new opportunity for undergraduate study combining Creative Writing with French or German language and culture. This opportunity is the result of a philanthropic gift inspired by a donor family’s transformational undergraduate summer study experience. This family wishes for future generations of University of Georgia students to have similar inspiring experiences.

The fellowship will provide 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.

Students are encouraged to propose original projects they have developed in discussion with a faculty mentor they identified to oversee the project and its completion. Faculty mentors will be asked to formally endorse the proposed project.

Eligible applicants will have completed ENGL3800W: Introduction to Creative Writing and at least one course required for either the French or German major or minor. Exceptions to these requirements can be made, if equivalent qualifications can be documented. However, students must be engaged in a course of study involving Creative Writing and either French or German studies.

Applicants should demonstrate a desire for active exploration and serious reflection on cultural difference. Students will be asked to give a presentation on their project during the semester following their return.

To apply, please submit a 2-page proposal as well as a preliminary budget outline, detailing expenses for airfare and project-related travel, housing, and subsistence, each item accompanied by a brief justification. For additional eligibility requirements, detailed instructions, and the application cover sheet, go to https://www.franklin.uga.edu/scholarships-and-funding.

The application deadline is **February 14, 2020**. Students will receive notification by the end of February.

Applications should be submitted in hard copy to the Office of the Dean, 316 Old College. Questions about the application process should be directed to Karen Coker at kcoker@uga.edu. For all other questions, please contact Dr. Andrew Zawacki at zawacki@uga.edu.