Chancellor’s Doctoral Fellowship

The Linguistics Department has been awarded a Chancellor’s Doctoral Fellowship for the 2016-17 academic year. Fellows receive a $25,000 stipend plus tuition and required fees for five years of doctoral study. Each Fellow is appointed as a GRA during the first year and the final dissertation year, allowing for early engagement in research during the first year and focused dissertation work during the final year. The Linguistics Department will appoint the Fellow as either a GRA or GTA in the intervening years with a tuition waiver.

Fellows enroll full-time during the first year of study and are provided with sufficient financial and mentoring support to make it possible to complete the doctoral degree by the end of the 5th year. The student’s program will provide them with a plan for timely completion, and the student is expected to actively participate in the mentoring relationship, including full-time work on the dissertation during the final year of fellowship support. Fellows have the opportunity to meet with Fellows from other programs, including those at different stages of their doctoral education. These gatherings provide an opportunity to make informal connections with doctoral students in other disciplines.

The Linguistics Department at KU has undergone significant changes in the past decade to position itself as a unique program that unites linguistic theory and experimental research. We have particular strengths in experimental phonetics and phonology, first and second language acquisition, developmental psycholinguistics, second language psycholinguistics and neurolinguistics, the cognitive neuroscience of language, linguistic fieldwork, and theoretical syntax/semantics. Our faculty members and graduate students study a broad range of languages including understudied language varieties in Asia and the Americas. The department has six active research labs, which have all successfully competed for external funding and provide support for graduate studies. The department has both head-mounted and remote eye trackers, an EEG laboratory, and on the KU medical center campus, cortical MEG, fetal MEG and MRI systems. We offer both M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. For more information, please see our website: http://linguistics.ku.edu/.

All doctoral students who are admitted to the program will be offered five-year packages that include graduate teaching or research assistantship positions. We will be able to award one Chancellor’s Fellowship, the university’s most prestigious graduate award, which offers a very generous funding package. All Ph.D. applicants to the program will be automatically considered for all awards.

Information on admission requirements is available at: https://linguistics.ku.edu/admission

The deadline to apply for the Fall 2016 semester is January 1, 2016.