

The Duolingo Dissertation Grant in Language Learning: Call for Applications



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The Duolingo Dissertation Grant Program supports dissertation research by doctoral candidates specializing in second language learning. Applicants should be at the level of advanced candidacy and their dissertation proposals should have been approved by the relevant departmental authorities at their institutions on or before May 31, 2026. Duolingo will award up to 5 dissertation grants in the amount of US\$5,000 per grant. The grant program is open to domestic and international doctoral candidates. If your topic is in the field of English as a Foreign Language, please consider the [TIRF-Duolingo](#) Dissertation Grant instead.

Please see the [FAQs](#) for detailed eligibility requirements and submission information.

Materials to submit

Your application should include the following:

1. **Summary:** A summary of the dissertation research focused on a topic in the field of language learning (max. three pages including references and appendices, 12pt font, single-spaced, 1" margins). The summary must include:
 - An introduction to the topic, including a brief literature review and research questions
 - Research methodology

- Implications of the potential findings
- 2. **Timeline and budget:** In no more than one page (12pt font, single-spaced, 1" margins), list a rough timeline of the project and budget for the \$5,000.
- 3. **Letter of support:** Once the application has been submitted, we will contact the applicant's research supervisor for an official letter of support. This letter should confirm the approval of the research proposal by a faculty committee at their institution and the high likelihood of successful completion of the project. A detailed letter of recommendation is not required.

How to apply

Complete your application by filling out [this form](#).

Timeline

Applications should be submitted by 11:59 p.m. (local time), May 31, 2026. Letters of support are due on June 5 11:59 p.m. local time. Notifications will be sent out by August 31, 2026.

Grant recipients are required to acknowledge the support of the Duolingo Dissertation Grant when disseminating their findings. They are required to submit a one-page summary of their dissertation research within three months of filing their dissertation. The summary should be written for a general academic audience. They will also be invited to present their research at Duolingo in a virtual format.