

Max Kade Summer German Study Award Criteria

Eligibility

- The award is open to Oberlin students who have completed at least one course in the German department.
- Students must have secured admission to a summer program by the application deadline.
- Preference will be given to applicants in their first or second years of study at Oberlin.
- Preference will be given to applicants who select rigorous programs of substantial duration; e.g., a two-month course will be viewed more favorably than a two-week course.

Application Procedure

To be considered for a stipend, all students must submit a complete application packet including:

- Completed Application Form (see department office)
- Personal Statement
- Names/contact information for two references; previous and current German instructors are recommended
- Unofficial transcript
- Finalists will participate in a 10-minute interview.

Personal Statement

This should be a one- to two-page, single-sided, double-spaced proposal. The first part should be in English and the second in German. Your statement should contain the following elements:

In English:

- Describe your selected course of study, including the name, location and duration of your program.
- Include relevant personal information such as your major, year, course of study and related interests.
- Describe your long-term academic and intellectual goals and discuss how this opportunity to study German will help you to achieve these goals.

In German:

- Describe yourself and explain your interest in the German language.
- Tell us about literature, art, or music that you like. Who is your favorite author, artist, or composer? Why?

Interviews

Finalists will take part in an individual 10-minute interview. Students should be prepared to elaborate further on their personal essay and the relevance of their summer course to their future academic and or career plans.

Post-study Requirements

If awarded a stipend, students will be required to:

- 1) write a post-study report documenting appropriate use of the Award,
- 2) continue their study of German at Oberlin College.

Any unexpended or undocumented funds must be returned to the college.