

Funding for Language Study and Conference Presentations Th.D. Program



The Divinity School provides funding to Th.D. students beyond the annual stipend

- to subsidize language study before preliminary examinations;
- to enable students who have passed prelims to present their research at professional conferences.

Funds are made available as follows:†

Year 1:

Each student receives up to a \$750 reimbursement for language study (this largely covers the cost of Duke University summer school language courses plus materials).

Funds not used by June 30 of the student's first year are forfeit.

Year 2:

Each student receives up to \$750 to reimburse the costs of language study.

Funds not used before prelims (normally Fall semester of the third year) are forfeit.

Years 3-5:

After passing preliminary examinations, each student may receive one travel grant per year (up to \$500) when participating on the official program of a professional conference (e.g., reading a paper, presenting a poster, serving as a panelist).

*Students must apply **at least 30 days in advance** by submitting to the Th.D. director a brief letter of intent, endorsed by their advisor, and an abstract of the paper/presentation.*

Students work with Th.D. administrative assistant Diane Decker (ddecker@div.duke.edu) to access these funds. Please contact Diane with questions before purchasing tickets or making hotel reservations. In many instances she will be able to cover the costs directly; otherwise the student will be reimbursed for costs incurred. **NB:** *If students purchase their own tickets, Duke allows reimbursement only **after** all travel has been completed.*

†Th.D. students who matriculated before 2015 fall under the policy in force when they entered the program. These students should check with Diane Decker to determine what funds remain available to them.