

Apprentice Language Science Fellows: Program Guidelines

Goals and Benefits

The Apprentice Language Science Fellows program is designed for first- or second-year PhD students who plan to become full Language Science Fellows (under the NRT program or with an individual plan). Apprentices spend up to a year mapping out their long-term professional goals and devising an integrated research and teaching plan, with guidance from their advisors and LSC staff. Meanwhile, they become integrated in the language science community by participating in research, professional development, and/or outreach activities. Apprentices are also eligible to apply for research and conference travel support.

Participation in the Apprentice program is not a prerequisite for applying to the Language Science Fellows program, but it is expected that the involvement in community activities and guided preparation of the research and training plan will set students up for a successful application.

Eligibility

All students who plan to apply to the Language Science Fellows program in the spring semester of the current academic year are eligible to join the Apprentice program.

Responsibilities

Apprentices are expected to:

- Meet regularly (1-2 times per semester) with LSC staff to discuss the development of their research and training plan.
- Participate regularly in LSC activities, such as Language Science Day, Winter Storm, Language Science Lunch Talks, and outreach events.
- Join one of the student committees to help in the planning and organization of some community activities.

Application procedure

Submit the following materials by email in a single PDF to Shevaun Lewis (shevaun@umd.edu):

1. A statement (at most one page) briefly addressing the following questions:
 - a. Why do you want to become a Language Science Fellow?
 - b. What are your general research interests? (Explain using language appropriate for a broad audience.)
 - c. What LSC activities/events do you plan to get involved in?
2. Current CV
3. Unofficial transcript
4. Commitment letter signed by your advisor, indicating that they have read the program guidelines and understands the responsibilities and benefits of the Apprentice program.

LSC staff will contact you to schedule an in-person meeting to discuss how you can get involved in language science community activities, and how the integrated research and training plan for Language Science Fellows program might serve your long-term goals.