

**Endangered Language Fund Sharing Language Diversity Fellowship**  
2024 CFP

**Deadline for submissions: Friday, May 10, 2024**

Please read these guidelines carefully. All materials must be submitted as a single PDF to  
[elf@endangeredlanguagefund.org](mailto:elf@endangeredlanguagefund.org)

The Endangered Language Fund (ELF) is pleased to announce again in 2024 the *Sharing Language Diversity Fellowship*. The *Fellowship* is meant to support the research of Ph.D. students who have completed two years of study in a graduate program in Linguistics and related disciplines, and who are engaged in the documentation of Indigenous languages and the archiving of linguistic data as part of their PhD graduate studies. *The primary purpose of this fellowship is to encourage emerging linguists, in collaboration with their Indigenous partners, to responsibly **share** annotated materials in a sustainable public forum for equitable access to ongoing and finished research, both for community members and for other scholars. This fellowship aims to create a culture of archiving and Open Access sharing in linguistics, as is common in many other disciplines. In the interests of equity and discovery, the grant is meant to contribute to the normalizing of the archiving of language and cultural materials in trusted repositories on an ongoing basis and making not just results but also data freely accessible to the public, with appropriate community approval.*

*Background and Application Information*

Thanks to a generous donation from Arienne M. Dwyer, ELF is again able to fund graduate students in their second year, or later, of a graduate program at a US university (in the US) to assist with the student's efforts to document an Indigenous language. ***Specifically, the Fellowship aims to support the Open Access archiving of materials in an accessible trusted repository and the sharing of a substantial amount of annotated primary documentation*** (audio and/or video recordings, annotated transcriptions, and metadata), including material of use to the speaker or signer community. Applicants must have completed two years of study in a graduate program to be eligible. Fellowships provide up to \$30,000 for expenses related to the documentation of the Indigenous language and the responsible archiving of data from documentation and analysis done by the Fellow. Within 3-years of receiving SLD funding, Fellows must make documentation materials publicly available in an established and recognized repository according to best practices, data sovereignty, and the wishes of the community in which the Fellow conducted the documentation work.

***Fellowship applications for 2024 are open from March 1 through 12 May: Complete Applications are due 12 May by midnight EST.***

Applicants must be graduate students *currently* enrolled in a Ph.D. program in the USA<sup>1</sup> and should not have completed the Ph.D. before the completion of the funded SLD Fellowship project. Additionally, applicants must have completed **at least 2-years** of graduate studies.

The fellowship application materials must consist of the following elements in addition to demographic information in a cover form that can be downloaded from this page.

- Description of language community, benefits of project to language community, and discussion of applicant’s relationship with the language community (no more than 500 words)
- Description of project (no more than 500 words)
- Project timeline (no more than one page)  
Data management plan for archiving of materials including detailed discussion regarding how issues of data sovereignty and open access will be addressed (no more than 500 words)
- Budget plan for 1-2 years (**applicant should follow budget template on the next page**):<sup>2</sup>
  - consulting fees
  - equipment
  - travel
  - archiving expenses
  - other
- Curriculum Vitae of no more than two pages
- Letter of support from language community
- Letter of support from the student’s advisor including the following:
  - potential for applicant to complete project in proposed time frame
  - nature of applicant’s relationship with the community
  - value of the material to the Indigenous community
  - description of applicant’s qualities that make them uniquely qualified to pursue and complete proposed project
  - if the student is requesting tuition support, a statement that (to the best of the advisor’s knowledge) the student has already exhausted other university-internal tuition support options
  - description of applicant’s qualifications for proposed project

Application materials should be submitted as one PDF to [elf@endangeredlanguagefund.org](mailto:elf@endangeredlanguagefund.org), with “SLD Fellowship Application” in the subject line. If you are not sure how to combine separate documents into one PDF, please consult online merging apps like this one: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9c93b9>

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<sup>1</sup> The Endangered Language Fund is unable to support students outside the USA.

<sup>2</sup> Tuition expenses beyond the university’s typical support may also be acceptable as a budget item provided the tuition expense clearly contributes to the documenting and archiving of primary documentation materials.

**Budget Template**

Budget Categories	Project Year 1	Project Year 2	Funding Source
Consultant Fees			(e.g., ELF-SLDF, or other)
Travel			
Equipment (itemize)			
Archiving Expenses (itemize)			
Transcription			
Data Entry			
Other			