

Webster Vienna Training Scholarship (WVTS):
Project Proposal

Department: Language Center

Description of the Language Center: The Language Center (LC) serves the language needs of both current WVPU students, as well as non-students interested in the LC services. Currently, the LC staff consists of three tutors and one coordinator, who have experience in research across the humanities and social sciences.

Term: Fall 2020

Estimated weekly workload in hours: 10

Scholarship Amount: 50% of one UG/G 3-credit course per term

Project Title: Academic Literacy Project

Project Description: Academic language differs from everyday language. In order for university students to successfully engage in their fields of study, it takes exposure to, critical awareness of, and training in the academic language varieties in which knowledge is constructed and communicated. The goal of the Academic Literacy Project is to support students in different stages of their academic literacy development, to assist them in using their literacies most effectively to participate in the discourses of their respective fields, and to express their own ideas as active, independent, and critical language users. To achieve these goals, the Language Center will further develop and implement its one-on-one tutoring, course-specific working groups, and workshops.

Project Leader: Julia Ruck

Project Outputs:

Tasks/Project Outputs	Deadline	Percentage of Time Spent on Responsibilities (equaling 100%)
One-on-one tutoring	ongoing	80%
Assistance with working groups and/or workshops	ongoing	10%
Promotion of LC workshops (posters, social media, etc.)	ongoing	5%
Participation in regular LC Meetings	ongoing	5%

Qualifications needed to accomplish tasks and responsibilities:

- Graduate student standing (advanced undergraduates may also be considered)
- Competence in conventions of academic writing
- Excellent knowledge of English
- Interest in teaching, collaborating with students, and ability to provide constructive feedback
- Preferred availability in multiple terms/semesters

For your application, please include a writing sample (e.g. a course paper, a BA thesis, etc.).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Julia Ruck julia.ruck@webster.ac.at and read up on our work at www.webster.ac.at/language-center.