

Vanderbilt Center for Languages

2026 VCL Scholars Call for Proposals

Eligibility: Full-time faculty (tenure stream, tenured, or continuing track), regardless of discipline

Length of award: Spring – Fall 2026

Award amount: \$3500 salary supplement

Application due: February 26, 2026

Notification: March 19, 2026

The VCL Scholars serve as an integral part of the Vanderbilt Center for Languages' mission of fostering interdisciplinary work. Applicants may propose a program of research for publication or conference presentation, the creation of a new academic initiative, or the design of a co-curricular program around developing intercultural competency. The Vanderbilt Center for Languages (VCL) is particularly interested in funding proposals that generate knowledge that benefits a broad constituency. Please see our website for [projects](#) awarded in previous years.

Scholars will participate in a cohort session 3 times per semester with other Scholars and the VCL Director and occasional guests.

Awardees will present the results of their work in a forum hosted by the Vanderbilt Center for Languages in a 20-minute illustrated talk.

Proposals may be submitted individually or with one other person (each participant will receive the full award). Past awardees must wait for 2 years before applying again.

Sample project topics might include:

- Intercultural competency development for non-language and language students
- Innovations inspired by the new A & S Core Curriculum
- Developing or changing a course to include virtual exchange (COIL)
- Other interdisciplinary proposals

All materials must be uploaded to RedCap in PDF format. Applications should consist of a proposal not to exceed one single-spaced page, a current CV, and optional supporting documentation, e.g., a preliminary bibliography or price quote for materials. For travel, a budget will also be required as part of the proposal. The budget should use Vanderbilt's per diem rate for meals.

Note: the award will be made in one lump sum as a salary supplement; these funds may be used for travel or other expenses to support the project, but expenses will not be submitted separately for reimbursement.

Questions? Please contact Chalene Helmuth, Director, Vanderbilt Center for Languages.

Applications open on January 15, 2026

To apply: <https://redcap.vumc.org/surveys/?s=TH9HPHKM99K3FDMC>