

## World Languages and Cultures Program Language Ambassadors

The World Languages and Cultures (WLC) Program is seeking nominations for students to serve as Language Ambassadors for the term 2019-2020. Language Ambassadors will serve a one-year term, renewable based on solid performance. **Self-nominations are highly encouraged.** Up to two positions per language are available for 2019-2020.

**Language Ambassadors** are responsible for supporting and promoting the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater's World Languages and Cultures Program, with the goal of increasing the visibility of the WLC program and the number of students studying one or more of our language offerings, which include American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, and Spanish.

Eligible students must be currently studying in the WLC Program or be recent alumni. Language Ambassadors will meet at least twice per semester with WLC faculty advisors to discuss strategies to promote the WLC Program. Goals include:

- Encouraging the study of World Languages at UW-Whitewater;
- Increasing the number of WLC majors and minors;
- Communicating the value of World Languages for future professional and community endeavors;
- Increasing participation in study abroad programs, internships, and community-based learning;
- Conveying the benefits of World Language study for personal growth and enrichment.

Language Ambassadors will work collaboratively both on and off campus, to promote the aforementioned program goals in the following ways:

- Attending Preview Days and SOARS;
- Visiting New Student Seminars;
- Presenting in classes;
- Speaking at student organization meetings;
- Representing WLC on social media;
- Developing strategies to increase the number of WLC students;
- Organizing social events and other activities with the WLC honor societies and language clubs.

Upon successful completion of a one year-term, each Language Ambassador will receive a certificate lauding their service to and leadership role in the WLC Program, along with a letter of appreciation suitable for inclusion in the student's professional dossier. Please nominate yourself or another student by sending a brief letter of interest/support by **Monday, October 14, 2019** to your Language representative, listed below:

American Sign Language: Dr. Alicia DeGregorio, [degregoa@uww.edu](mailto:degregoa@uww.edu)

Arabic: Dr. Hala Ghoneim, [ghoneimh@uww.edu](mailto:ghoneimh@uww.edu)

Chinese: Dr. Alicia DeGregorio, [degregoa@uww.edu](mailto:degregoa@uww.edu)

French: Dr. Sheila Turek, [tureks@uww.edu](mailto:tureks@uww.edu)

German: Dr. Tim Holian, [holiant@uww.edu](mailto:holiant@uww.edu)

Japanese: Dr. Alicia DeGregorio, [degregoa@uww.edu](mailto:degregoa@uww.edu)

Spanish: Dr. Jodie Parys, [parysj@uww.edu](mailto:parysj@uww.edu)