Announcing International Research Opportunities for Summer 2015 for Penn State Undergraduate Students

Penn State's Center for Language Science (CLS) announces Year 5 of an exciting and unique opportunity for undergraduate students. With the generous support of funding from the National Science Foundation program Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE), the CLS will sponsor undergraduate students' travel to international sites in Summer 2015 to conduct research on the science of bilingualism.

The PIRE grant "Bilingualism, mind, and brain: An interdisciplinary program in cognitive psychology, linguistics, and cognitive neuroscience," awarded to the CLS for a 5-year period (2010-2015), allows for the creation of international research opportunities for qualified undergraduate students working on language research, who have had research experience with CLS faculty. The CLS includes faculty in Psychology, Spanish, German, and Communication Sciences and Disorders. Each year, 8 CLS undergraduate students* will receive funding to conduct innovative research on bilingualism at leading collaborating institutions in Europe and Asia. These include Beijing Normal University (Beijing, China); University of Hong Kong (China); Mannheim University (Mannhein, Germany); Radboud University (Nijmegen, The Netherlands); University of Granada (Granada, Spain); Universitat Rovira i Virgili (Tarragona, Spain); Bangor University (Wales, UK); and Lund University (Sweden).

Funding will cover airfare, housing and meals, tuition, and some incidentals and research expenses.

To be eligible, students must be enrolled in research with a CLS faculty member for Fall 2014, Spring 2015, and must be returning to campus in the Fall 2015. See http://cls.psu.edu/PIRE for additional information and requirements.

*The eight PIRE fellowships are restricted to Penn State students who are US citizens <u>but</u> note that we will be able to award one additional undergraduate fellowship to a Penn State student who is an international student and/or not a US citizen. So this session is open to <u>everyone!</u>

Information session for potential PIRE undergraduate applicants
Wednesday August 27th, 2014
5:00-6:00 PM
Room 127 Moore Building