Lillian Trager Summer Fellows
Program for International Studies

Professor Lillian Trager, having great passion for her work and wonderful ability to touch the lives of others on campus as well as throughout the world, wishes for her efforts to be perpetuated by establishing a fund to offer summer fellowships for International Students at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside through the Center for International Studies and the UW-Parkside Benevolent Foundation.

Objective: The objective of the program is to provide undergraduate students in International Studies the opportunity for research and service-learning activities with an off-campus organization or agency in which they would utilize their academic background and knowledge in International Studies to carry out a project beneficial to the organization.

Rationale: Students studying in International Studies have few opportunities for utilizing their learning in real-world settings to address practical problems. The internships and service-learning opportunities that do exist are almost always unpaid, highly competitive and located in costly sites (e.g. Washington DC or overseas). The Lillian Trager Summer Fellows Program for International Studies enables students to connect their academic learning with specific organizations addressing a wide variety of international/global issues, from community development to trade, from humanitarian problems of refugees and immigrants to issues of international investment.

Eligibility: The Fellowships are to be awarded on a competitive basis. They are open to undergraduate students enrolled in a program of study in International Studies. Preference will be given to majors who have junior standing, and have begun work on their option. Selection shall be based on GPA, strength of proposal submitted, and an interview; and will be carried out by a subcommittee of the CIS Steering Committee.

Process: Students awarded the fellowship will select a faculty supervisor and work with the CIS director and other faculty to identify an organization in which they could carry out a research or service-learning project; they will then design the research/service-learning project, which will lead to a specific product such as a report or analysis for the organization. The fellowship requires that a staff member of the organization also play a supervisory role. The project site may be either a local or regional organization. It is expected that most would be in nearby urban settings in the Milwaukee-Chicago corridor.

Credit: Academic credit will not be awarded for the project. However, individual awardees may work with their faculty supervisor to develop an independent study based on the project for the fall semester following the fellowship.

Contributions: Contributions to the Lillian Trager Summer Fellows Program for International Studies may be made to: University of Wisconsin-Parkside Benevolent Foundation, 900 Wood Road, PO Box 2000, Kenosha, WI 53141-2000. Please note that contributions are tax deductible. The Foundation will acknowledge all gifts to the fund upon receipt of contributions. Thank you for supporting the opportunities for students to which Lillian so generously dedicated her time and loving efforts throughout her career and lifetime.