



Russian Language Program for Teachers at the University of Washington

Preparing Russian Teachers for the 21st Century

July 8-July 19, 2013 | <http://depts.washington.edu/startalk/>

The **STARTALK Teacher Program**, "Preparing Russian Teachers for the 21st Century", aims to enroll ten or more teachers who are currently teaching Russian in the community or who would like to work toward obtaining a P-12 World Language Endorsement in Russian for teaching Russian language in Washington K-12 public schools. The program is designed to teach them STARTALK best practices in language teaching and curriculum development, as well as the content knowledge needed to pass the Washington Educator Skills Test - Endorsement (WEST-E) for World Languages and the pedagogical experience that would prepare them for the Performance-Based Pedagogical Assessment (PPA) for those teachers for whom it is required for state endorsement, and to provide scholarship assistance to complete the required assessments (WEST-E and ACTFL OPI and WPT). This Teacher Program will prepare native (or near native) speakers of Russian to teach in a standards and content-based program, focused on developing communicative proficiency and accuracy in heritage speakers of Russian. A special focus on integrating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) into language instruction will prepare teachers to work effectively with today's students.

The program includes two intensive weeks of instruction and classroom observations and practicum experience working with students in the STARTALK Russian Student Program for teachers alone followed by three week of optional practicum experience working with students in the STARTALK Russian Student program. Teachers will have an opportunity to develop lesson plans and practice teaching during the Student Program over the summer or in their own community-based language programs. Total instructional hours will be 50 hours for the two-week Teacher Professional Development Workshop and practicum in the Student Program for which teachers will receive 5 credits for EDC&I 495 from the University of Washington College of Education.

Highlights:

- 10 or more teachers who are heritage (or near native) speakers of Russian
- 1-week Intensive for teachers alone, 5 hours a day, followed by 1-week practicum experience working with students in STARTALK Russian Student Program (total 50 instructional hours)
- option for additional 3-week practicum experience working with students in the STARTALK Russian Student Program (total of 30 instructional hours)
- 5 credits for EDC&I 495 from the UW College of Education
- Standards and content-based program, focused on developing communicative proficiency and accuracy in heritage speakers of Russian
- Emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
- Content knowledge to pass the Washington Educator Skills Test - Endorsement (WEST-E) WL
- Pedagogical experience for the Performance-Based Pedagogical Assessment (PPA)
- Scholarship assistance for required assessments (WEST-E and ACTFL OPIc and WPT)

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When: July 8-19, 2013

Week 1: Classes meet Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm with an hour for lunch (total 25 hours)

Week 2: Classes meet Monday – Friday with a more flexible schedule (total 25 hours)

How much will it cost?

The summer quarter registration fee is \$42. You'll mail a check to the UW STARTALK Program to reserve your spot (when you submit your registration packet). All other registration and program costs will be covered by the STARTALK grant.

What about housing: The UW Russian STARTALK program does not provide housing for teachers, but for information about UW options, visit: <http://depts.washington.edu/startalk/russianteacherFAQ.php>.

Where do I sign up?

You can submit an online registration form at:

<http://tinyurl.com/UWSTARTALK-2013-teachers>

Applications will be due **May 20, 2013**, but we will continue accepting them until all spots are filled.

To review the curriculum and resources from the 2012 Teacher Program, visit:

<http://depts.washington.edu/startalk/russianteacherresources2012.php>.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about the 2013 STARTALK Student and Teacher Programs at the UW:

Visit: <http://depts.washington.edu/startalk/> or email startalk@uw.edu.

About STARTALK

STARTALK was launched as a new component in the programs of the National Security Language Initiative (NSLI) announced by former President Bush in January of 2006. The initiative seeks to expand and improve the teaching and learning of strategically important world languages that are not now widely taught in the US. STARTALK's mission is to increase the number of Americans learning, speaking, and teaching critical need foreign languages by offering students (K-16) and teachers of these languages creative and engaging summer experiences that strive to exemplify best practices in language education and in language teacher development.