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I think one of the best parts of our summer program is the community. Not only do we live, work, train, eat, and play together, but we stay connected throughout the rest of the year. So far since school let out in August, I have visited thirteen friends from SIL-UND and have had conversations with countless others. I am sure that you have experienced the same kind of connections. So, we've come up with another way to help our community grow and prosper.

This summer, we are offering a new kind of scholarship: the Alumni Scholarship! And the best part, it's fueled by you, our alumni! New students are coming to SIL-UND every summer and we want them to have the best experience. If you know of someone you think should be in our program, you can nominate them for the scholarship by simply filling out a quick form including a short essay. Your essay should explain how your candidate has the academic ability to thrive at SIL-UND and their purposes related to minority language work.

The deadline for the nomination is March 10, and we will announce the winner by March 15. If the winner decides in the end not to join us this summer, the scholarship will go to the runner-up. One of the best parts of this scholarship is you don't have to only nominate one new student. You can nominate two or three or seven – it's up to you!

Everyone deserves to come to SIL-UND, and now you have the opportunity to make it that much more likely for a new student to share in the community.

Follow this link to find the form and submit your nomination: <https://goo.gl/N73J4N>

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Sonja LaVerdure's first time at SIL-UND was as a Package A student in 2013. She has since returned three times but with a very different role—sign language interpreter. Originally from Montana, Sonja studied Sign Language Interpreting at Bethel College in Indiana. The program involved two years of classes in ASL and deaf culture, two years studying the process and field of interpreting, and an internship. She found out about SIL-UND from a recruitment event at her college. One reason Sonja has enjoyed working at SIL-UND is that it fits with her schedule as a student at Multnomah Biblical Seminary in Portland, Oregon. She also enjoys SIL-UND for the community “as well as the opportunity to hear first-hand stories from people who work with language groups around the world.”

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SIL-UND is a place for linguists near and far, old and young, green and seasoned! But we need help finding them and letting them find us! That's why we're searching for a publicist to help us continue improving and staying “current.” This could be you, or it could be someone you know! It's a year-round position that intensifies during the summer, when you're responsible for a team to create content for the rest of the year. Specific responsibilities may include image and video creation and editing, newsletter writing, constructing social media posts, visiting college campuses, and other activities that promote SIL-UND. Let us know if you're interested or know someone who is by emailing Albert at director_silund@sil.org.

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If you weren't planning on coming to SIL-UND this summer, we might have something to change your mind! SIL-UND faculty members Keith Slater and Robb & Heather Fried are planning an academic conference during Summer 2019, during our regular summer session. The conference, Language Contact in the Amdo Sprachbund, will gather scholars who specialize in interactions among different languages in the region of northwestern China where our three faculty members have done their own research.

Of course, our summer session students will have the opportunity to attend sessions and learn about cool stuff that you won't find anywhere else, as well as learning how academic conferences work.

TL/DR:

YOU can nominate a new student for the 2019 Alumni Scholarship! <https://goo.gl/N73J4N>

We need a publicity coordinator and it could be YOU! Email Albert director_silund@sil.org if you think you can help.

Next summer: we're hosting a conference on the Amdo Sprachbund. You don't wanna miss it!