

## DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

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Dear Friend of languages,

The University of Winnipeg offers courses in French, Spanish, German, Italian, Cree, Ojibwe, Chinese, Japanese and Korean. To teach many of these courses, we rely on contract instructors who are hired on a per course basis. Because of this, the courses need to attract a certain number of students, preferably 15-20, inorder to beviable; otherwise they may be cancelled. Because of these requirements, there is little assurance that our existing courses in heritage languages will continue to be offered. This not only limits the options available for students interested in studying a heritage language, but also makes adding to our curriculum any new heritage language courses.

We appeal to you to consider supporting language education at The University of Winnipeg in two ways:

- By encouraging your family and friends to preserve their heritage language through university study, and
- By making a contribution to The University of Winnipeg Heritage Language Fund.

The Heritage Language Fund will support the cost of hiring a contract academic staff member to teach one full course in a heritage language in any given year (approximately \$10,000/year). The course receiving support will depend on the needs of the Faculty of Arts as determined by the Dean of Arts. Our goal is to raise \$125,000.00 to invest in an endowment and support heritage language teaching at The University of Winnipeg in perpetuity, but in the interim contributions may be used to provide immediate support.

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Your support will help to ensure heritage languages remain strong at The University of Winnipeg.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr. Adina Balint Chair, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

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