

The Ivan Elagin Fellowship

The Ivan Elagin Fellowship was established in 1987 with seed money from the family and friends of distinguished poet, teacher, and friend Ivan Matveiev. Professor of Russian Literature in the University of Pittsburgh Slavic Department from 1970 until his untimely death in 1987.

In 1988 the administrators of the Summer Language Institute proposed to continue the funding and basic idea of the Elagin Fellowship out of the scholarship fund of the SLI.

The fellowship is intended to be used to attract to the University of Pittsburgh each year a highly qualified new graduate student. It is offered in years in which it is determined that a suitable candidate is available and that sufficient funds are in the scholarship fund to cover it. Over the course of its existence, the Elagin Fellowship has contributed approximately \$250,000 toward graduate-student support, augmented by the tuition remission which accompanies it.

The determination as to whether funds are available each year is made by the SLI administration. Recommendations on the candidate are made by the graduate admissions committee and are voted on by the graduate faculty.