Begun in 1883 by a small group of scholars committed to the study and teaching of language and literature, the Modern Language Association is today one of the largest humanities organizations in the world, with members in more than a hundred countries, a bibliography that covers work in languages from Arabic to Zulu, and an annual convention that attracts participants from around the globe.

If professional growth, peer recognition, and supporting outstanding research are important to you, you should become an MLA member.

MLA by the Numbers

- Over 300 members are elected to govern the association through its Executive Council, Delegate Assembly, and other governance committees.
- Over 680 members serve on the executive committees, divisions, and discussion groups that represent the scholarly and teaching interests of various constituencies within the profession and that help determine much of the program at the annual convention.
- Over 3,000 members give papers and readings each year at the convention.
- Hundreds of readers join the 52 members of the PMLA Editorial Board and Advisory Committee in reviewing essays submitted for publication.
- More than 120 specialists index articles and journals for the MLA International Bibliography.
- Over 70 members are involved in selecting the winners of the 17 prizes the MLA awards for outstanding scholarly books and articles on language and literature.

How does the MLA work for you?

Promotes language and literature study

Publishes distinguished scholarship

Hosts the MLA Annual Convention, where the MLA community shares its work

Compiles the Job Information List

Creates opportunities for scholarly interaction: watch for the new MLA Commons in winter 2012

Become a member at www.mla.org
The 2013 MLA Annual Convention in Boston

The convention brings thousands of people from numerous fields together to explore new avenues of research, discover connections among fields, confer with scholars who share their interests, and renew friendships. Members organize hundreds of events—workshops, forums, sessions, readings, dinners, and receptions. An exhibit hall features books and other products from more than 100 suppliers, many offering significant discounts. The Job Information Center provides a centralized location for interviews, counseling, and information about employment. The annual Delegate Assembly meeting focuses on a range of issues affecting association governance, policy statements, and professional matters.

The 2013 MLA convention in Boston, held 3–6 January, will feature the Presidential Forum Avenues of Access. In addition, there will be approximately 210 division meetings, 55 discussion group meetings, 280 special sessions, 160 allied organization meetings, and dozens of social events.

At the 2013 convention in Boston, the following special workshops will be offered:

- Women's Leadership in Higher Education Administration: Career Choices and Opportunities
- Digital Pedagogy: An Unconference Workshop
- Evaluating Digital Work for Tenure and Promotion: A Workshop for Evaluators and Candidates

The 2014 convention will be held in Chicago from 9 to 12 January.

Membership Benefits

- Five issues of PMLA
- Four issues of the Newsletter
- Web access to membership list, convention sessions, MLA Handbook
- Reduced registration fees for the MLA Annual Convention
- Membership in divisions and discussion groups focusing on scholarly and professional interests
- Discounts on MLA books and pamphlets
- Participation in MLA-sponsored group insurance plans
- Eligibility to vote in MLA elections and participate in MLA governance
- Direct access to Job Information List if your department is a member of ADE or ADFL
- Access to scholarly reviews through Choice Reviews Online and to the Directory of Periodicals
- Special rates on subscriptions to the ACLS Humanities E-book

Books

The MLA publishes books on the teaching of language and literature for students, teachers, and scholars. Best known is the standard writing guide in the humanities, the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. The publications program has also developed several highly praised series, including Approaches to Teaching World Literature; MLA Texts and Translations; Options for Teaching; and Teaching Languages, Literatures, and Cultures.

MLA Language Map

Available at www.mla.org, the MLA Language Map uses data from the United States Census and the American Community Survey to display the locations and numbers of speakers of thirty languages spoken at home in the United States and to show the locations, ages, and English ability of speakers of more than three hundred additional languages.

MLA Job Information List

The JIL is the recognized professional source for announcements of full-time faculty positions available in the fields of English and foreign languages in North American colleges and universities.

Graduate students and faculty members in ADE- and ADFL-member departments are allowed free access to the JIL through the ADE (www.adfl.org) and ADFL (www.adfl.org) Web sites. The JIL is also available electronically to libraries by subscription.

ADE & ADFL Bulletins

The ADE Bulletin, published by the Association of Departments of English, and the ADFL Bulletin, published by the Association of Departments of Foreign Languages, feature essays on issues affecting language and literature departments. Both journals and their complete archives are published exclusively online.

MLA International Bibliography

This searchable database offers electronic access through academic libraries' Web sites to over two million literature, language, film, linguistics, and folklore citations dating from 1926 to the present. The MLA International Bibliography annually adds over 70,000 international books, articles, and Web sites to its extensive listings. In addition to full-text links from publishers such as JSTOR, Project Muse, and ProQuest Dissertations and Theses, the MLA Bibliography includes thousands of author abstracts.

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The membership of the association is organized into divisions and discussion groups, which provide a focus for the association’s scholarly activities and organize sessions at the MLA convention. To participate fully in association activities, members should join the division(s) and discussion group(s) that represent their major scholarly or professional interests. Membership in one division or discussion group does not exclude a member from attending any or all meetings arranged by other divisions or discussion groups at a convention or from participating in special sessions.
2013 MLA Membership Application

Applications for 2013 calendar-year memberships will be accepted through 30 June 2013. Members will receive all issues of PMLA and the MLA Newsletter published in 2013. Dues are determined by the MLA Delegate Assembly, subject to confirmation by the Executive Council.

This application is also available online at www.mla.org. The MLA membership year is from 15 January through 14 January of the subsequent year.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES & DUES

New members should establish their dues category according to the graduated schedule.

Graduate students engaged in courses of study leading to degrees in the fields of modern languages and literatures may for a maximum of seven years become student members at a $21 annual dues rate.

Joint membership is open to two individuals sharing the same household. Joint members receive two subscriptions to the Newsletter and the Program issue of PMLA and one subscription to all other issues of PMLA. To determine the joint-membership dues payment, add $42 to the dues category of the member with the higher income. (Please attach a separate sheet to your application to provide directory information for the second member.) This category is not available to student members.

Reinstating members whose memberships have lapsed for one calendar year or more should establish their dues category according to the graduated schedule.

Tax Deductibility

In compliance with the United States Internal Revenue Code, the amount of dues paid in excess of $55 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

To comply with postal regulations governing second-class mail, the MLA calculates the cost of a Newsletter subscription at $8.00, which is included in membership dues.

Discussion Group Registration

In the boxes below, please record the code number(s) of the MLA discussion group(s) you wish to join. A listing of the MLA discussion groups appears on the reverse side.

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

To avoid delay in processing your application, please be sure to specify in the TOTAL box the amount to be charged to your credit card and to authorize the transaction by signing below.

Check (payable to Modern Language Association) enclosed. Please do not send cash.

ACCOUNT NO.

EXP. DATE

TELEPHONE NO.

SIGNATURE

Non-US applicants: For faster processing, please use MasterCard, Visa, American Express, or Discover. International money orders are also accepted. All figures are in US dollars.