

# COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY FLAS APPLICATION

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2009-2010

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 6, 2009**

### **PURPOSE:**

The Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Program is predicated on the belief that “the security, stability, and economic vitality of the United States in a complex global era depend upon American experts in citizens knowledgeable about world regions, foreign languages, and international affairs, as well as upon a strong research base in these areas.” FLAS fellowships strengthen the nation’s ability to respond to security threats and to compete effectively in the modern world by promoting foreign language competence and area and international knowledge and by ensuring the continuance of area expertise in a variety of fields, including academe.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

The FLAS Fellowship competition is open to graduate students of Columbia University who are U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent residents who enrolled in a full-time program (either domestic or overseas) that combines modern foreign language training **with** international or area studies. The FLAS award offers fellowship assistance to meritorious students undergoing beginning, intermediate, or advanced training in modern foreign languages with concentrations in related international or area studies (see “Eligible FLAS Languages at Columbia University”). **Students are required to take language and area courses per semester.** All courses must be taken for a letter grade.

Applicants may compete for the Academic Year FLAS fellowship in more than one language, but may only receive the award for one language during the award period. **Each language of study requires a separate and complete application packet.** Applicants applying for the Summer 2009 FLAS must submit a separate and complete Summer 2009 application packet.

FLAS fellows must complete an electronic Student Performance Report at the end of the fellowship. Failure to submit this report can jeopardize future FLAS funding; holds will be placed on students’ registration, diplomas and transcripts. You will be required to repay the FLAS fellowship funding for non-compliance.

### **AWARD & REQUIREMENTS:**

**FLAS fellowships are contingent upon funding from the U.S. Department of Education.** The Academic Year FLAS fellowship provides a tuition grant of up to \$12,000, plus a stipend of \$15,000. Remaining tuition, health service fee and medical insurance (basic coverage only) will be covered by the students’ school of enrollment within Columbia University (ex. GSAS, SIPA, TC). The FLAS fellowship does not cover any miscellaneous fees, such as computer lab fee, student activity fee and university facility fee, etc.

With the approval from the United States Department of Education, Academic Year FLAS awards may be used for full-time dissertation research provided that the student is at the advanced level of language proficiency. The use of the foreign language in dissertation research must be extensive enough to be able to consider the language improvement facilitated by the research equal to improvement that would be obtained from a full academic’s year’s worth of formal classroom instruction. Please note that since the FLAS program is for language acquisition, use of the FLAS fellowship for dissertation research is not encouraged by the U.S. Department of Education. The U.S. Department of Education prefers that students apply for the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program.

All overseas programs of study must be at the intermediate or advanced level of language proficiency or at the beginning level if an appropriate beginning language program is not available in the United States, and must be approved by the U.S. Department of Education at least thirty (30) days **prior** to the start of the program.

**WITH EACH FLAS APPLICATION, YOU MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING SUPPORTING MATERIALS**

➤ **A Personal Statement**

Your Personal Statement should be approximately two double-spaced typed pages. In it, you should describe your academic purpose, the role of the target language in achieving it, and your academic and professional plans.

➤ **Academic Transcripts**

You must submit your Columbia University transcripts, which may be ordered from the Registrars Office in 205 Kent Hall or line at <http://ssol.columbia.edu>. Transcripts from other institutions are not required; however, it is strongly recommended that transcripts reflecting academic work in the target language and/or area studies also be included. Please note that transcripts may take some time to arrive and should be ordered in a timely fashion.

➤ **Two (2) Letters of Recommendation**

You must submit two Letters of Recommendation, preferably from instructors who can comment on your work in the target language and appropriate world area. All letters should be submitted on either the enclosed form or on department letterhead.

➤ **Letter of Language Evaluation**

If you are at the intermediate or advanced level of proficiency, but not enrolled in a language department, it is recommended (but not required) that you submit a Letter of Evaluation from a language instructor attesting to your proficiency in the language of application. All letters should be submitted on either the enclosed form or on department letterhead.

For **each** language of study, please send **TWO** completed applications to:

**Columbia University  
GSAS – Office of Financial Aid  
535 West 116<sup>th</sup> Street, MC 4304  
107 Low Memorial Library  
New York, NY 10027  
Attn: Sandra Peters / FLAS**

**If you have questions or require further information, please email Sandra Peters at [scp3@columbia.edu](mailto:scp3@columbia.edu)**

If possible, please include Academic Transcripts, Letters of Recommendation and Letters of Language Evaluation in sealed and signed envelopes, with your application. Otherwise, transcripts and letters should be forwarded to GSAS as indicated above.

**LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

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**ELIGIBLE LANGUAGES**

Eligible FLAS Languages (those submitted by the Columbia University world area institutes with FLAS programs and approved by the United States Department of Education for FLAS study) are listed below along with the world area of concentration for which the language was approved, and eligible levels of proficiency.

<u>LANGUAGE</u>	<u>WORLD AREA OF CONCENTRATION</u>	<u>LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY</u>
Arabic	Africa, Middle East	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Bengali	South Asia	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Catalan	Western Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Chinese	East Asia	Intermediate, Advanced
Czech	East Central Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Dutch	Western Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Finnish	Western Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
French	Western Europe	Advanced only
German	Western Europe	Advanced only
Greek	Western Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Hausa	Africa	Beginning, Intermediate
Hebrew	Middle East	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Hindi	South Asia	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Hungarian	East Central Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Italian	Western Europe	Intermediate, Advanced (preference given to advanced)
Japanese	East Asia	Intermediate, Advanced
Korean	East Asia	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Persian	Middle East , South Asia	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Polish	East Central Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Portuguese	Latin America	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Portuguese	Western Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Punjabi	South Asia	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Pulaar	Africa	Beginning, Intermediate
Russian	East Central Europe	Four years of study normally required
Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian	East Central Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Spanish	Latin America	Intermediate, Advanced
Spanish	Western Europe	Advanced only
Swahili	Africa	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Swedish	Western Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Tamil	South Asia	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Telegu	South Asia	Beginning, Intermediate
Turkish	Middle East	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Ukrainian	East Central Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Urdu	South Asia	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Wolof	Africa	Beginning, Intermediate
Zulu	Africa	Beginning, Intermediate

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*(Please print clearly or type)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CUID: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Division of Columbia: \_\_\_\_\_ First Date of Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

If GSAS indicate Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Sought:  AM  PhD Date Anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the following boxes:  United States Citizen  Permanent Resident

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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** List name and location of all colleges, and graduate/professional schools attended (including Columbia University).

| School (name/location) | Dates of Attendance | Degree | Date Received/Anticipated |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------------|
| _____                  | _____               | _____  | _____                     |
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Undergraduate Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Major: \_\_\_\_\_

**Honors and Awards:**  
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LANGUAGE OF APPLICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

WORLD AREA OF INTEREST:  
(please check one)

- Africa  East Asia  
 East Central Europe  Latin America  
 Middle East  Southern Asia  
 Western Europe

Level of Proficiency to be studied during AY 2009-2010:  Beginning  Intermediate  Advanced

Institution of study during award period:  Columbia University  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Language Course (Fall 2009): \_\_\_\_\_

Language Course (Spring  
2010): \_\_\_\_\_

Your native language: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously held a FLAS award:  YES  NO

If yes: When? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

List the courses you have taken in the language of application, where they were taken, and the grades received: (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

| Course | Where taken | Grades |
|--------|-------------|--------|
| _____  | _____       | _____  |
| _____  | _____       | _____  |
| _____  | _____       | _____  |

What other languages have you studied and how long?  
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Indicate other experiences relevant to the target language: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**I understand the FLAS rules and regulations as listed in the application.**

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_





