

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM: 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 REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS:

To be eligible to apply for the FLAS fellowship, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Graduate students of Columbia University;
- US citizens, nationals, or permanent residents.
- Accepted for enrollment or enrolled in a full-time program (either domestic or overseas) that combines modern foreign language training **with** international or area studies or with the international of professional or other fields of study.
- 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.

ELIGIBLE USES FOR OF THE FELLOWSHIP:

Academic Year FLAS Fellowship is awarded for a full academic year to students engaged in:

- A formal overseas or domestic program of full-time language **AND** area or international studies courses;
- With the approval from the United States Department of Education, Academic Year FLAS awards may be used for full-time dissertation research abroad 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.

REQUIREMENTS FOR USING FLAS AWARD OVERSEAS: The FLAS fellowship used abroad must be approved by the United States Department of Education thirty (30) days **prior** to the start of the program.

- **Overseas study programs:** Students wishing to use an academic year FLAS fellowship for a formal overseas study program must be at the intermediate or advanced level of language proficiency.
- **Dissertation research:** Only students who are at the advanced level of language proficiency can be approved to use a FLAS for dissertation research.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Academic Year FLAS fellowships provide a tuition grant of up to \$12,000, plus a stipend of \$15,000 to be disbursed in four equal payments of \$3,625 with the final \$500 disburse after the students submit their electronic Student Performance Report. Remaining tuition and health fee and medical insurance (basic coverage only) must be covered by the students’ school of enrollment within Columbia University (GSAS, SIPA, TC). The FLAS fellowship does not cover any miscellaneous fees, such as student activity fee, computer lab fee, university facility fee, etc.

Students who wish to apply and meet the eligibility criteria must complete an application and return it with the following supporting documents by March 2, 2007.

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**

Official transcripts of complete academic records.

➤ **Two (2) Letters of Reference**

You must submit 2 Letters of Reference, 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 116th 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

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 the GSAS Office of Financial Aid as indicated above.

LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED.



The Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship is a federal program that supports the study of modern foreign languages and area or international studies. Students who wish to apply and meet the eligibility criteria must complete this form and return it with the following supporting documents by **March 2, 2007**:

- Statement of Purpose of approximately 250 words describing their academic purpose, the role of the target language and area in studies achieving it and their academic and professional plans
- Official transcripts of complete academic records
- Two (2) letters of reference, preferably from instructors who can comment on your work in the target language

All FLAS fellowship applications should be sent to Sandra Peters / FLAS Coordinator 107 Low Memorial Library, 535 West 116th Street, MC 4304, New York, NY 10027. Incomplete applications will not be considered. All materials mailed in consideration for the FLAS fellowship must be sent to the FLAS Coordinator address above and should not be sent as part of the application for admission into Columbia University GSAS.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be citizens, nationals or permanent residents of the United States
- Must be accepted in a program that combines modern foreign language training with international or area studies
- Be engaged in full time study during the entire award period

Languages Available for Study

Please see attached list of eligible languages and proficiency levels and related world areas:

Applicant Information

NAME _____ COLUMBIA ID# _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

PROGRAM OF STUDY _____ DEGREE _____ TERM _____

CITIZENSHIP: U.S. PERMANENT RESIDENT:

WORLD AREA: AFRICA EAST ASIA EAST CENTRAL EUROPE LATIN AMERICA
 MIDDLE EAST SOUTHERN ASIA WESTERN EUROPE

LANGUAGE OF STUDY (STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE A LANGUAGE AND AN AREA STUDY COURSES PER SEMESTER)

NATIVE LANGUAGE _____

EXPECTED LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY: BEGINNING INTERMEDIATE ADVANCED

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY HELD A FLAS AWARD? YES: _____ NO
IF YES WHERE AND WHEN

LIST THE COURSES YOU HAVE TAKEN IN THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE.

LANGUAGE _____ # OF YEARS _____ GRADES _____

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I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY ME ON THIS APPLICATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



Eligible FLAS Languages (those submitted by the Columbia University world area institutes with FLAS programs) are listed below along with the world area of concentration for the language and 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
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
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
Punjabi	South Asia	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Pulaar	Africa	Beginning, Intermediate
Russian	East Central Europe	Four years of completed study required
Serbo-Croatian	East Central Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Spanish	Latin America	Intermediate, Advanced
Swahili	Africa	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Swedish	Western Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Tamil	South Asia	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
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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IF GSAS, INDICATE DEPARTMENT

PROPOSED LANGUAGE OF STUDY

WORLD AREA OF INTEREST

Statement on Confidentiality: Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 (Buckley Amendment), which gives students the right to inspect and review their education records, students may waive their right to see specific confidential statements and letters of evaluation. In the belief that applicants and the persons from whom they request evaluations, may wish to preserve the confidentiality of those evaluations, we are giving you an opportunity to sign one of the following statements:

Waiver: I waive my right to review this letter.

I do not waive my right to review this letter.

SIGNATURE

DATE

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