

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
FLAS APPLICATION  
SUMMER 2009**

**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 Summer FLAS Fellowship competition is open to graduate students of Columbia University who are U.S. citizens, nationals or permanent residents who are accepted for enrollment or enrolled in a formal program of intensive language study. The Summer FLAS award offers fellowship assistance to meritorious students undergoing beginning, intermediate, or advanced training in modern foreign languages. (See “Eligible FLAS Languages at Columbia University”).

Applicants may compete for the Summer 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 application packet.** Applicants applying for the Academic Year FLAS must submit a separate Academic Year 2009-2010 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 Summer 2009 FLAS fellowship provides tuition grant of up to \$4,000, plus a stipend of \$2,500. Remaining tuition cost above the FLAS tuition grant must be covered by the students’ school of enrollment within Columbia University (ex. GSAS, SIPA, TC).

The summer language course studied under the Summer FLAS fellowship must be the equivalent of an academic year course, at least 140 contact hours, and a minimum of six (6) weeks in length. 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. All overseas language programs must be approved by the United States Department of Education at least thirty (30) days **prior** to the start of the program. Please provide any relevant program brochures and/or a web sites with your application. Summer FLAS are not available for dissertation research.

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

Ø **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.

Ø **Academic Transcripts**

You must submit your Columbia University transcripts, which may be ordered from the Registrars Office in 205 Kent Hall or on 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.

Ø **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.

Ø **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.

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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.

<b><u>LANGUAGE</u></b>	<b><u>WORLD AREA OF CONCENTRATION</u></b>	<b><u>LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY</u></b>
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	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
Pulaar	Africa	Beginning, Intermediate
Punjabi	South Asia	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
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
Tibetan	East Asia	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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*(Please print clearly or type)*

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

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

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

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

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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:       Africa                               East Asia  
(Please check one)                       East Central Europe               Latin America  
                                                  Middle East                               Southern Asia  
                                                  Western Europe

Level of Proficiency to be studied during Summer 2009:     Beginning       Intermediate       Advanced

Summer Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

URL: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Title(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Credit Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Weeks in Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Tuition Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

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 |
|--------|-------------|--------|
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| _____  | _____       | _____  |
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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** \_\_\_\_\_

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