

Summer 2012 & Academic Year 2012-13

SOUTH ASIA

Foreign Language & Area Studies
Graduate Fellowships

Bengali, Hindi, Persian, Punjabi, Tamil, Urdu

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships support graduate students who will study Bengali, Hindi, Persian, Punjabi, Tamil, or Urdu and other modern South Asian languages as an integral part of an academic program focusing on South Asia. Current students and applicants to full-time Columbia graduate degree programs at GSAS, SIPA, and Teacher's College, and the Schools of Business, Journalism, Law, and Public Health are eligible to apply for Academic Year fellowships. Students currently enrolled in a Columbia graduate degree program may apply for Summer fellowships. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or have permanent resident status.

Competitive priorities for the 2012-13 FLAS competition include 1) applicants who will achieve an Advanced level proficiency by the time of graduation; 2) applicants studying a Less Commonly Taught Language, as defined by the US Dept. of Education (Bengali, Hindi, Persian, Punjabi, Tamil, Urdu, and for Summer FLAS, Marathi, Nepali, Telugu, and other South Asian languages); and 3) applicants enrolled in a professional degree program.

The Academic Year FLAS graduate fellowship will consist of \$18,000 in tuition and a stipend of \$15,000. **Summer FLAS fellowships** cover \$5,000 in tuition with a stipend of \$2,500. Summer language awards must be used to attend programs that meet language proficiency standards set by the U.S. Department of Education.

All applicants must apply on-line at the following address:
<http://gsas.columbia.edu/content/flas-fellowship-summer>
<http://gsas.columbia.edu/content/flas-fellowship-academic-year>

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Application deadline:
February 24, 2012

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General Guidelines for Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Graduate Fellowships

1. All awards are subject to U.S. Department of Education (USED) guidelines.
2. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or have permanent resident status.
3. Eligible languages of study at Columbia during the Academic Year are Bengali, Hindi, Persian, Punjabi, Tamil, or Urdu. Applicants may apply to study other modern South Asia languages for Summer FLAS in order to support research on South Asia. Competitive priority will be given to the Less Commonly Taught Languages as defined by the USDE (Bengali, Hindi, Persian, Punjabi, Tamil, Urdu, or other South Asian languages such as Marathi, Nepali, Telugu, etc.), and to second South Asia language acquisition, at any level, for those who have already achieved advanced proficiency in one South Asia language.
4. Students in all graduate degree-granting programs at Columbia in GSAS, SIPA and Teacher's College and the Schools of Business, Journalism, Law, and Public Health are eligible to apply for Academic Year. Graduate students in all schools are eligible to apply for Summer awards. Competitive priority will be given to applicants who are earning degrees in professional fields.
5. Students at all levels of language proficiency, except those with native fluency, are encouraged to apply. Competitive priority will be given to students who plan to achieve Advanced level proficiency before graduation.
6. All applications must include a statement of purpose, a current transcript, and two letters of recommendation. Applicants studying at the Intermediate or Advanced level must submit an evaluation from a Language Instructor.
7. Fellows must submit pre- and post-award performance reports, and take pre- and post-award proficiency exams. Fellows must agree to submit bi-annual reports, for a ten-year period following graduation, on career activities or subsequent education, and use of the target language (all reports submitted on-line to the USED).

Academic Year 2012-13 Graduate Awards

1. Fellows must have full-time status or full-time equivalency status in 2012-13. Both current students and incoming applicants to Columbia may apply for Academic Year FLAS.
2. Fellows must enroll in at least one language course and one South Asia area studies course each semester.

Summer 2012 Awards

1. Applicants enrolled in degree programs at Columbia are eligible to apply for Summer FLAS. Incoming applicants to Columbia for the fall semester are not eligible to apply for Summer FLAS.
2. Summer awards are for language study. Applications for research or non-language programs will be rejected.
2. Each individual program of language study must be approved by the Department of Education in advance of any payment for tuition or stipend (at least one month before the start of the language program).
3. Eligible programs must be the equivalent of one year of language study with a minimum of 140 classroom hours.
4. Students at the Elementary level are limited to studying at programs within the United States (unless there are no such programs in the U.S.). Students at Intermediate and Advanced levels are eligible to study outside the U.S.
5. Each award will include full tuition up to \$5,000 and will provide a stipend of \$2,500.
6. Summer tuition is limited to \$5,000. FLAS may be combined with non-FLAS fellowships, either from the language program or other funding agencies, to cover tuition above \$5,000. Applicants must advise the Institute if other funding is awarded for the summer program.