Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships support undergraduate students who will study Bengali, Hindi, Punjabi, Tamil, or Urdu and other modern South Asian languages as an integral part of an academic program focusing on South Asia. Applicants must plan to enroll full-time in an undergraduate degree program at Columbia schools (including Barnard College) and must be U.S. citizens or have permanent resident status. Applicants must be able to study at an Intermediate or Advanced level language and must enroll in one language course and one South Asia studies course per term.

US Department of Education and Columbia competitive priorities for the 2010-11 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 Dept. of Education (Bengali, Hindi, Persian, Punjabi, Tamil, and Urdu).

The 2011-2012 Academic Year FLAS undergraduate fellowship will consist of $10,000 tuition and a stipend of approximately $5,000. Summer 2011 FLAS fellowships cover the cost of full tuition plus 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 online at the following address:

For further information, please contact Bill Carrick at <wac2112@columbia.edu>.

Summer 2011 & Academic Year 2011-12 FLAS Application deadline:
March 2011 (date to be announced)

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

1. All awards are subject to U.S. Department of Education guidelines.

2. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or have permanent resident status.

3. Eligible languages of study at Columbia through the South Asia Institute are Bengali, Hindi, Persian, Punjabi, Tamil, or Urdu. Applicants may apply to study other modern South Asia languages, but a program of study must be approved by the U.S. Department of Education. Competitive priority will be given to the Less Commonly Taught Languages as defined by the U.S. Department of Education (Bengali, Hindi, Persian, Panjabi, Tamil, or Urdu), 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 undergraduate degree-granting programs at Columbia University are eligible to apply for Academic Year and Summer awards (Barnard College, Columbia College, Engineering, General Studies, etc.).

5. Students must study at the Intermediate and Advanced levels of language proficiency. Elementary level applicants will be rejected. Those with native fluency are discouraged from applying. 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 must submit an evaluation from a Language Instructor of their target language.

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 Dept. of Education).

## Academic Year 2011-12 Undergraduate Awards

1. Fellows must have full-time status or full-time equivalency status in 2011-12.

2. Fellows must enroll in at least one language course and one South Asia area studies course each semester.

3. Fellows must study at the Intermediate or Advanced level.

## Summer 2011 Awards

1. Summer awards are for language study. Applications for research or non-language programs will be rejected as ineligible.

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 Intermediate and Advanced levels are eligible to study outside the U.S. Students at the Elementary level must study in the U.S., unless there is no program available in their target language in the U.S.

5. Each award will include full tuition 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.

7. Applicants must advise the Institute if other funding is awarded.