

Summer 2009 & Academic Year 2009-10

SOUTH ASIA

Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships

for 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 as an integral part of an academic program focusing on South Asia. Applicants from Columbia graduate degree programs at GSAS, SIPA, and Teacher's College are eligible. Applicants must plan to enroll full-time in a graduate degree program at one of the above Columbia schools and must be U.S. citizens or have permanent resident status.

US Department of Education competitive priorities for the 2008-09 FLAS competition include 1) applicants who will achieve an Advanced level proficiency by the time of graduation; 2) master's level applicants who plan to pursue careers in public service or professional fields; 3) applicants studying a Less Commonly Taught Language, defined by the Dept. of Education (Bengali, Hindi, Persian, Punjabi, Tamil, and Urdu).

The 2008-2009 Academic Year FLAS fellowship will consist of full-time tuition and a stipend of \$15,000. Summer 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.

Applications are available on-line. For GSAS and Teacher's College students:

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/gsas/sub/finaid/cstudents/flas/index.html>

For SIPA students:

http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/resources_services/student_affairs/fellowship_application.html

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FLAS Application deadline:

March 6, 2009

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Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships - General Guidelines

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 in order to support research on the South Asia. Competitive priority will be given to the Less Commonly Taught Languages as defined by the U.S. Department of Education (Bengali, Hindi, Persian, Punjabi, Tamil, or Urdu), and to second South Asia language acquisition, 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 are eligible to apply. Competitive priority will be given to master's level students and applicants who are considering careers in public service and 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 who will be studying at the Intermediate or Advanced level must submit an evaluation from a Language Instructor.

Academic Year 2009-10 Awards

1. Students must have full-time status (a minimum of 12 points each semester), or full-time equivalency status, in 2009-10.
2. Students must enroll in at least one language course and one South Asia area studies course each semester.

Summer 2009 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 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 and will provide a stipend of \$2,500.
6. Summer tuition is limited to \$4,000. FLAS may be combined with non-FLAS fellowships, either from the language program or other funding agencies, to cover tuition above \$4,000.
7. Applicants must advise the Institute if other funding is awarded.