GRADUATE FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIP (FLAS)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020 GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS - FACT SHEET

Please retain this fact sheet for future reference. **Do not** submit this fact sheet with your application. The Academic Year Graduate FLAS Fellowship is for domestic or overseas graduate language & area studies or overseas dissertation research. **All awards are contingent upon the University receiving annual fellowship funding from the Department of Education for the next award period.** The deadline is January 15, 2019. The FLAS fellowship is for the 2019-2020 academic year only. Students must compete annually for additional FLAS fellowships. Prior FLAS support does not guarantee or preclude additional support from future competitions. All materials must be in English.

I. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to apply for a FLAS fellowship, a student must meet the following criteria:

a. Be a **citizen or eligible permanent resident of the United States**, or be in the process of becoming a citizen or permanent resident of the United States (in the latter case immigration documentation is required);

b. Be enrolled full time in a graduate degree program in one of the Harvard graduate schools. **NOTE:** All Non-GSAS applicants must notify their school’s Financial Aid Office that they intend to apply for a FLAS Fellowship to ensure the schools participation.

c. For a Language FLAS – agree to be enrolled in one graded, FLAS approved, language course and one graded area studies course per term.
   
   For an Overseas Research FLAS – agree to be engaged for both terms in overseas dissertation research in the international aspects of professional (or other) fields of study. Students must be at the advanced language level.

d. Subject to US Department of Education approval academic year fellowships for language study may be utilized domestically or overseas. The FLAS may be used for dissertation research provided the student is at the advanced language level and the improvement in the language used in research is extensive enough to be equal to a full year of formal instruction. Fellowships require affiliation with an academic institution or organization approved by the Department of Education. Students must submit the following information along with the application:
   
   - the name of the institution where the student will be conducting research
   - the name and email address of a contact at the institution
   - the dates of travel
   - FLAS fellows must complete an electronic Student Performance Report at the end of the fellowship. **Failure to submit this report, or late submission, precludes future participation in the program.**

e. All FLAS nominees will be required to complete a 2019-2020 FAFSA ([https://fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)) prior to actual award decision

II. FLAS ELIGIBLE AFRICAN LANGUAGES

The following languages are approved by the U.S. Department of Education for Harvard University to offer FLAS Fellowships:

- Afrikaans
- Amharic
- Bamanankan
- Bemba
- Cameroonian Pidgin
- Cape Verdean Creole
- Chichewa
- Dinka
- Egyptian Arabic
- Egyptian Hieroglyphs
- Fon
- Ge’ez
- Gullah
- Haitian Creole
- Hassaniyah
- Hausa
- Ibibio
- Igbo
- Jamaican Creole
- Kamba
- Kikongo
- Kinyarwanda
- Krio
- Lingala
- Luganda
- Malagasi
- Oromo
- Oshikwanyama
- Pulaar
- Rutooro
- Sesotho
- Setswana
- Shona
- Somali
- Sudanese Arabic
- Swahili
- Tigrinya
- Tshiluba
- Twi
- Wolof
- West African Pidgin
- Xhosa
- Yoruba
- Zulu

If the language of your interest is not listed here, contact ataylor@fas.harvard.edu.
III. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Academic year fellowships provide a tuition/health fee grant of up to $18,000, plus a $15,000 stipend to be dispersed monthly over a ten-month period. Remaining tuition and health fees, if any, must be covered by the students’ school of enrollment within Harvard University (i.e. GSAS, HGSE, HDS, etc.). For this reason, non-GSAS applicants must notify their financial aid office when they apply for a FLAS.

Applicants who plan to study abroad are expected to apply for other appropriate sources of funding for their World Area. Dissertation research and study abroad should be for the entire academic year, and GSAS students are encouraged to register as traveling scholars at Harvard.

IV. EMPLOYMENT/ADDITIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

Employment during the fellowship period is limited. FLAS recipients must obtain approval from the FLAS Coordinator for any teaching fellow (TF), research assistant (RA), or other work opportunities before accepting them, to ensure compliance with federal regulations and continuation of their grant. Employment may not exceed the value of one-fifth of teaching per term. Additional fellowships may be a conflict. Fellows are advised to contact the FLAS coordinator to discuss options.

V. APPLICATIONS

There are five components of the FLAS application: 1. Fellowship application, 2. Two letters of recommendation; one from a language instructor and one from an area studies instructor, 3. Official transcript, 4. A statement of purpose and 5. Completion of the 2019-2020 FAFSA. There are additional requirements for students wishing to use their FLAS for dissertation research; please see below.

Overseas Dissertation Research applicants must have a project description signed by their academic advisor, and should include the dates of travel abroad, the overseas institution where they will be affiliated, and a contact person at that institution. Please note the Overseas Dissertation FLAS is a research grant, not a writing grant. Where applicable, students should ensure their project has been approved by the Harvard University Committee on the Use of Human Subjects.

Applicants must note on their FLAS application any other fellowship programs to which they have applied and, if possible, the results of the applications. Please include this list at the end of the Statement of Purpose.
Fellowship Application  ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020  Continuing Students

Please read the 2019-2020 FLAS Fact Sheet before starting this application. If you meet the eligibility criteria, complete this form and upload it in CARAT accompanied by a transcript of your academic record through the most recent term for which you were a registered student* along with a statement of purpose. Two letters of recommendation (one from a language instructor and one from an area studies instructor) may be uploaded in CARAT by recommenders (or, if recommenders are not Harvard affiliated, e-mailed directly to ataylor@fas.harvard.edu). In addition, all nominees will be required to complete the 2019-2020 FAFSA.

All materials, including letters of recommendation, must be received no later than January 15th, 2019 at 11:59pm. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is submitted and complete by the deadline. Students will not be notified of incomplete applications.

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Name: ________________________________  Harvard ID#: _____________________________
Or XID #: ______________________________

Address: ______________________________

Telephone: (day)____________________ (alternate)____________________ E-mail: ______________________________

U.S. Citizen: ___ or Permanent Resident: ___ Alien Registration Number: ______________________________

GSAS Dept. Name________ or name of other Harvard Graduate School: ________________ Degree (AM,PhD,etc)_____

1. **Circle** the World Area to which you are applying (See FLAS Fact Sheet; languages are classified by World Area):

   - EAST EUROPE
   - AFRICA
   - MIDDLE EAST

2. Indicate how you plan to use the FLAS fellowship:

   - Graduate Language/Area Studies: ______
   - Overseas Doctoral Dissertation Research (PhD students only)________
   
   Note: For Language Study, students are required to take one graded language course and one graded area studies course per term.

3. What one language will you be studying, or using in your doctoral dissertation research? ________________

   - Native Language, if other than English: ________________________________

4. How many years have you studied this and any other language in your World Area?

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5. Number of academic year FLAS Fellowships previously held: _____

   Number of summer FLAS Fellowships previously held: ________
6. If you receive a FLAS Fellowship for academic year 2019-2020, where do you plan to utilize the award?
   At Harvard (specify which graduate school): ________________________________
   Overseas (specify country and institution affiliation): __________________________

*If Fall 2018 is the most recent term for which you were a registered student, this transcript will not be available by the January deadline. Please request an official copy of your transcript, which includes fall grades, and include a letter in your application explaining that a transcript will be forthcoming.
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Please provide a concise statement of purpose for use of the FLAS Fellowship, including the subject of your research or your area of professional study, the significance of language in your research/studies, or, if you are currently studying a language, how you plan to use the language. Note: The recommended length for the statement of purpose is one page double-spaced. Dissertation research fellows should have a project description signed by their advisor.

OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Please list all other fellowships to which you are applying as well as the status, if known, at the end of this statement.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters of recommendation may be submitted either by CARAT upload or emailed directly to: ataylor@fas.harvard.edu

Letters of recommendation should address student’s academic abilities, academic research goals, and how the FLAS Fellowship will facilitate student’s goals.

Please list recommenders:

Recommender #1 Name: _____________________________
Institution: _____________________________

Recommender #2 Name: _____________________________
Institution: _____________________________

CAREER PLANS AFTER GRADUATION

Please check one of the following

_____Elementary/Secondary Ed  _____Federal Government  _____Foreign Government 
_____Higher Ed  _____Intn’l Organization in US  _____Intn’l Organization outside the US

_____Private Sector/Non-Profit  _____State/Local Government  _____US Military

_____Other _____________________________