FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS (FLAS)

SUMMER 2019 FELLOWSHIPS - FACT SHEET

Please retain this fact sheet for future reference. Do not submit the fact sheet with your application. The Summer Undergraduate and Graduate FLAS Fellowship Program is designed to provide merit-based awards to students undertaking advanced training in modern foreign languages. Summer FLAS Fellowships are for intensive language study only. All awards are contingent upon the University receiving annual fellowship funding from the Department of Education for the next award period. The deadline is February 15, 2019. All application materials must be in English.

I. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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 a continuing student enrolled full time in a Harvard undergraduate or graduate degree program that requires further development of language proficiency;

c. Demonstrate potential for high academic achievement;

d. Agree to pursue full-time intensive summer language study (minimum of 6 weeks, 140 hours of language study). This grant is for language acquisition only, not research.

e. All non-Harvard applicants must notify their school’s Financial Aid Office that they have applied for a FLAS Fellowship.

f. 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.

II. ADDITIONAL SUMMER FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to receive a summer undergraduate or graduate fellowship under the FLAS program, a student must meet the following additional requirements:

SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE FLAS FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS

a. Be enrolled in a formal summer program approved by the U.S. Department of Education that provides the equivalent of one academic year of intermediate or advanced language training;

b. All programs are required to be at least six weeks in duration. Undergraduate summer FLAS Fellowships must be used for an overseas program, at the intermediate or advanced level. Programs must be approved by the U.S. Department of Education. All programs are required to be at least six weeks in duration. Intermediate level programs must provide a minimum of 140 hours of language instruction. Advanced level programs must provide a minimum of 120 hours of language instruction. Students must be able to supply either a website or brochure which indicates a start date, end date, and number of hours of language study for submission to the Department of Education. All programs must be graded and receive transfer credit.

SUMMER GRADUATE FLAS FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS

a. Be enrolled in a formal summer program approved by the U.S. Department of Education that provides the equivalent of one academic year of advanced language training OR;

b. Be enrolled in a formal summer program that will provide the equivalent of one academic year of beginning or intermediate language training, after having already mastered another language in the same World Area. Both languages must be a necessary and integral part of the student’s degree program. Students studying a second language at the beginning or intermediate level will have to submit a letter from their advisor verifying that the second language is necessary for the student’s degree program.

c. Summer 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.

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III. FLAS ELIGIBLE AFRICAN LANGUAGES

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


If the language of your interest is not listed here, contact lmoats@fas.harvard.edu

IV. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Summer undergraduate and graduate fellowships provide grants of up to $5,000 to cover actual tuition costs plus a stipend of $2,500. Please note that many summer language programs report the total program costs as “tuition.” This total must be broken down to determine the actual tuition and fees as separate from room, board, and travel costs. **Because the stipend is a fixed amount, it is possible that a summer FLAS Fellowship will not cover the total cost of a student’s program.** At the time of application, please submit a copy of the brochure or a web address detailing the summer program. The brochure or website should include the language of study, the program start and end dates, the number of language contact hours per week, the level of study, and the required tuition and fees. All submissions must be in English.

**Students should request that their tuition bills be sent directly to the FLAS Coordinator.** Students may have to submit a deposit before the FLAS Fellowship is disbursed. If that deposit results in an overpayment once the FLAS Fellowship Coordinator pays the tuition, the summer program should reimburse the student. The FLAS Fellowship will not reimburse students for any money paid toward tuition.

**NOTE:** The FLAS Fellowship may not cover the total cost of a student’s summer program. Some overseas programs require additional tuition payment to their home institution in order for the student to receive academic credit. FLAS will not cover these additional fees, so the student must make arrangements for additional funding, if necessary.

V. APPLICATIONS

Applicants must note on their FLAS application 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. **Students are responsible for ensuring that acceptance of FLAS funds will not preclude or otherwise affect other financial awards.**

Two letters of recommendation are required of all applicants; one from a language instructor and one from an area studies instructor.

For questions, please contact:

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Fellowship Application

Please read the Summer 2019 FLAS Fact Sheet before starting this application to ensure you and your program meet the Department of Education’s eligibility requirements. To apply, complete this form and upload it in CARAT accompanied by: an academic transcript through the most recent term for which you were a registered student; two letters of recommendation (one from a language instructor and one from an area studies instructor); and a statement of purpose. Letters of recommendation may be uploaded in CARAT by recommenders (or, if recommenders are not Harvard affiliated, e-mailed directly to the Center for African Studies Student Support Officer Lindsay Moats, lmoats@fas.harvard.edu, 617-495-3155).

All materials must be submitted no later than February 15th, 2019. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is complete by the deadline. Students will not be notified of incomplete applications.

Name: ___________________________ Harvard ID#: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________
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Telephone (day): _____________________ (alternate): _____________________ E-mail: _____________________

U.S. Citizen: _____ Permanent Resident: _____ Alien Registration Number: _________________________

Concentration(s): ___________________________ Degree (BA, BS etc): _________________________

1. What one language will you be studying?: ___________________________

   Native Language, if other than English: ___________________________

2. How many years have you studied this and any other African language?

Language # Years Pre-Undergraduate Undergraduate Graduate
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3. Number of Summer FLAS Fellowships previously held: ________________

5. If you receive a Summer 2019 FLAS Fellowship, where do you plan to use the award? (Please include name and complete address of institution.)

6. Briefly outline the steps you need to take to receive graded credit for your FLAS coursework.

*If Fall 2018 is the most recent term for which you were a registered student, this transcript will not be available by the February 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 your use of the Summer FLAS Fellowship, including how it will influence the work in your concentration, your research, and/or your future professional study/career aspirations. Please include the names of published articles and titles of research papers where applicable. Note: The recommended length for the statement of purpose is one page, double-spaced.

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: lmoats@fas.harvard.edu

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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 Int’l

____ Foreign Government

____ Higher Ed

____ Organization in US

____ Int’l Organization outside the US

____ Private Sector/Non-Profit

____ State/Local Government

____ US Military

____ Other __________________________________________