



Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) **Academic Year Graduate Fellowships Fact Sheet**

Please retain this fact sheet for future reference. 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 to apply is February 15, 2024. The FLAS fellowship is for the 2024-2025 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

1. 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).
2. Be enrolled full time in a graduate degree program at a Harvard graduate school.
3. **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 and pursuing a PhD.*
4. 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 only if the student is at the advanced language level and the improvement in the language used in research is extensive enough to equal 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:
 - a. the name of the institution where the student will be conducting research
 - b. the name and email address of a contact at the institution
 - c. the dates of travel
 - d. 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.
5. All FLAS nominees will be required to complete at 2024-2025 FAFSA (<https://fafsa.ed.gov>) **prior to the award decision.**

II. FLAS Eligible African Languages

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

Afrikaans, Akan, Amharic, Arabic-Sudanese, Arabic-Egyptian, Bamanankan, Chichewa, Dinka, Fulani, Haitian Creole, Hausa, Igbo, Kinyarwanda, KiKongo, Krio, Lingala, Malagasy, Setswana, Somali, Swahili, Tigrinya, Wolof, Xhosa, Yoruba, Zulu

Note: *If the language of your interest is not listed above, please contact Lindsay Moats, Student Support & Outreach Officer at lmoats@fas.harvard.edu.*

III. Financial Information

Academic year FLAS Fellowships provide a tuition/health fee grant up to \$18,000, plus a \$20,000 living stipend to be dispersed monthly over the ten-month award period. All applicants must notify their financial aid office when they apply for FLAS. Applicants may inquire if additional funds to cover remaining tuition may be available.

IV. Employment/Additional Fellowships

Employment during the fellowship period is limited. FLAS recipients must obtain approval from the FLAS Coordinator, Lisa Simpson (msimpson@fas.harvard.edu), for any TF 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 Lisa Simpson, FLAS Coordinator, to discuss options.

V. Applications

Applicants must submit the following in CARAT:

1. FLAS Fellowship Application
2. Two letters of recommendation
 - a. One from a **language** instructor and one from an **area studies** instructor
3. Unofficial transcript
4. Statement of purpose

Further application instructions are provided online in CARAT.

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 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.***