



Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) Summer Fellowships Fact Sheet

Please retain this fact sheet for future reference. 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 by 11:59pm. 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. Agree to pursue full-time intensive summer language study (see further requirements below). This grant is for language acquisition only, not research.
- d. Agree to complete a pre and post-program language assessment **and** complete an Electronic Student Performance Report at the end of the fellowship.

II. Additional Summer Fellowship 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 Undergraduate Summer FLAS Fellowships must be used for a program lasting a minimum of six weeks in duration.** Intermediate programs must provide at least 140 hours of language instruction and advanced programs must provide at least 120 hours of language instruction. Students must supply a website or brochure indicating a start and end date and the number of hours of language study to receive approval by the Department of Education. All programs must be graded and receive language 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 **advance or intermediate language training**
OR;

- b. Be enrolled in a formal summer program that will provide the equivalent of one academic year of beginning language training, after having already mastered another African language. Both languages must be a necessary part of the student's degree program. Students studying a second language must submit a letter from their advisor verifying that the language is necessary for the student's degree program.
- c. Summer FLAS Fellowships used overseas must be at the intermediate or advanced level and must be approved by the U.S. Department of Education. **Beginning level programs must be in the U.S.** All programs are required to be at least six weeks in duration. Beginning and 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

III. FLAS Eligible African Languages

Afrikaans, Amharic, Bamanakan, Bemba, Cameroon Pidgin, Cape Verdean Creole, Chichewa, Dinka, Egyptian Arabic, Fon, Ge'ez, Gikuyu, 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, please 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 \$3,500. 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. 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 Lindsay Moats at CAS. Students may have to submit a deposit before the FLAS Fellowship is disbursed. If that deposit results in an overpayment once CAS 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 disclose all other fellowship or funding opportunities to which they've applied for the same award period. Please include this list at the end of the Statement of Purpose. A full list of required application materials can be found in CARAT and on the [CAS website](#).



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FLAS Fellowship Application

Please read the Summer 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 15**. 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# OR XID#:

Check One: Undergraduate
Graduate

Current Address:

Harvard E-mail:

Check One: US Citizen
Permanent Resident

Alien Registration #:

**Harvard
Concentration or
Graduate School:**

**Degree: (MA, PhD,
etc.)**

**What African
language will you be
studying?**

How many years have you studied this language?:

	0	0.5 - 1	1- 2	2+	3+
Undergraduate Years:					
Graduate Years:					

Please list any other languages studied and years of study:

Number of Summer FLAS previously held:

If you receive a FLAS fellowship, where do you plan to utilize the award?

At Harvard? *Specify School*

Overseas? *Specify country & Institution*

Outline the steps you need to take to receive graded credit for your FLAS coursework.

List any other funding/fellowships you've applied to for the same award period.

What are your career plans after graduation?

- Elementary/Secondary Education
- Federal Government
- Foreign Government
- Higher Education
- international Organization in US
- International Organization outside US
- Private Sector/Non-Profit
- State/Local Government
- US Military
- Other