

FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES (FLAS) FELLOWSHIP

Academic Year 2012 – 2013

Program: Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships provide funding to students to encourage the study of critical and less commonly taught foreign languages in combination with area studies, international studies or international aspects of professional studies. These fellowships are funded with grants from the U.S. Department of Education under Title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008. The purpose of the FLAS program is to promote the training of students who intend to make their careers in college or university teaching, government service, or other employment where knowledge of foreign languages and cultures is essential.

At UC Berkeley, funding for FLAS Fellowships is provided by seven Title VI National Resource Centers representing various world areas, including: **Africa, East Asia, Eastern Europe/Russia/Eurasia, Latin America, Middle East, South Asia, and Southeast Asia.** Information about the specific FLAS-eligible languages supported is included in the attached list of world area centers.

FLAS Fellowships are awarded to graduate students and, where applicable, to undergraduate students for:

1) A formal UC Berkeley or overseas academic program of full-time study during the academic year, including language and area/international studies courses.

FLAS recipients must undertake full-time study during the tenure of the award and must be enrolled in a language course and an area/international studies course each semester during the 2012 – 2013 academic year. These courses must be taken for letter grades.

Graduate students wishing to use an award for a formal study abroad program must be at the intermediate or advanced level of language proficiency, or at the beginning level if an appropriate beginning language program is not available in the U.S. Where eligible, undergraduate students may use an award only for a formal study abroad program at the intermediate or advanced level of a critical or less commonly taught language. Prior approval from the U.S. Department of Education is required for all FLAS language study abroad.

Students should consult the attached list of world area centers for specific eligibility and application details relevant to the proposed language of study.

2) Dissertation research abroad during the academic year.

Only students who are at the advanced level of language proficiency may propose to use a FLAS award for dissertation research. Students must be advanced to candidacy by the beginning of the fall semester. The use of language in dissertation research must be extensive enough to consider the foreign language improvement facilitated by the research equal to the improvement that would be obtained from a full academic year's worth of formal classroom instruction. Since the legislative intent of the FLAS program is language acquisition, use of the FLAS fellowship for dissertation research is not encouraged by the U.S. Department of Education. The U.S. Department of Education prefers that students apply for the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program. Prior approval from the U.S. Department of Education is required for dissertation research abroad.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants must be students and citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the United States. Students in programs that combine modern language training with 1) area or international studies, or 2) research and training in the international aspects of professional or other fields of study, including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, are encouraged to apply. Lowest consideration is given to: 1) students who already possess language fluency equivalent to educated native speakers in the language for which the award is sought, including dissertators; 2) students who are taking the first 12 semester hours or the equivalent in Chinese, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish; and 3) students applying for dissertation research or writing as opposed to students applying for language acquisition.

Students in a Graduate Professional program who are assessed a Professional Degree Fee (PDF) must submit a letter from their Dean that indicates that the PDF will be waived by the student's school/department if a FLAS fellowship is awarded. If a waiver is not possible, students should consult with the relevant world area center for possible alternatives.

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Where eligible, undergraduate FLAS awards may only be given for the intermediate or advanced study of a critical or less commonly taught language. Eligibility for undergraduate FLAS awards and additional requirements vary by language and world area. Consult the attached list of world area centers for details. Where applicable, undergraduates may use an award for a formal study abroad program at the intermediate or advanced level of language proficiency.

All prospective applicants are encouraged to consult the relevant world area center regarding specific languages of interest before submitting an application.

Award: For graduate students, the Academic Year FLAS Fellowship will cover registration fees and provide a stipend of \$15,000.

For undergraduate students, the Academic Year FLAS Fellowship will cover registration fees up to \$10,000 and provide a stipend of \$5,000. If you receive financial aid, you are advised to contact the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office to discuss the impact an Undergraduate FLAS Fellowship may have on your financial aid package.

Application: FLAS Fellowships are awarded competitively on merit basis through an annual fellowship competition administered by the Graduate Fellowships Office. Berkeley continuing students (both graduate and undergraduate) may apply for the FLAS Fellowship by downloading the application from the web: http://grad.berkeley.edu/financial/pdf/flas_academic_year_announcement.pdf. The deadline for receipt of the application and supporting documents is Monday, January 23, 2012.

Incoming graduate students should apply for the FLAS Fellowship using the *Graduate Application for Admission and Fellowships 2012 – 2013*, which should be submitted directly to their departments by the departmental deadlines. Incoming undergraduate students are ineligible to apply for FLAS Fellowships.

DEADLINE: MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012

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Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) International and Area Centers

University of California, Berkeley

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Academic Year/Summer Awards

Academic Year

The Center for African Studies will offer FLAS fellowships in Arabic, Chichewa, Swahili, and Wolof. Awards will NOT be made in other African languages or any European languages. Applicants, particularly for Arabic, should demonstrate a commitment to an African Studies perspective in their research and training. Applicants seeking advanced language training and from professional schools are encouraged as are STEM students. Undergraduate students at the intermediate and advanced levels of language study with exceptional academic achievement who can demonstrate intent to pursue graduate studies may also apply. Applicants for dissertation research abroad are given the lowest priority. There will be a MANDATORY orientation for all Academic Year Fellows during the week of August 20, 2012. Please plan accordingly. Prospective applicants are advised to consult with Center for African Studies staff for additional information. Undergraduate applicants MUST consult with CAS for their applications to be accepted.

Summer

Beginning Swahili, by agreement of all the Africa Title VI Centers, is NOT eligible for a summer FLAS award. Title VI African Studies Centers are preparing a list of domestic programs for 2012. Contact the UC Berkeley Center for the updated list. In-country language study requires U.S. Department of Education approval of the instructional program and travel itinerary. Summer FLAS for study abroad is not awarded to first-year language study that can be done in the U.S. UC Berkeley undergraduate students at the intermediate and advanced levels of language study with exceptional academic achievement who can demonstrate intent to pursue graduate studies may also apply. Prospective applicants are advised to consult with Center for African Studies staff for additional information. Undergraduate applicants MUST consult with CAS for their applications to be accepted.

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Academic Year — Graduate Students

East Asian languages currently eligible for graduate FLAS awards are Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Tibetan. Low priority is given to students who are taking the first 12 semester hours or the equivalent in Chinese and Japanese. Exceptions will only be considered if the student has already achieved competence in another East Asian language and the project statement adequately demonstrates the need to study the second language. Students are not eligible for FLAS awards in classical Chinese or Japanese. Applications to study or pursue dissertation research abroad during the academic year are not available for East Asia; students should explore opportunities with the Fulbright program for research abroad.

Academic Year — Undergraduate Students

A portion of the East Asian FLAS awards are set aside for undergraduate students. East Asian languages currently eligible for undergraduate FLAS awards are Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Tibetan. Students are not eligible for FLAS awards in classical Chinese or Japanese. Undergraduate student applicants for academic year FLAS fellowships must be studying at the third-year level (100AB) or higher during the award period, and must demonstrate in their statement of purpose a plan to use their advanced language skills in their professional or graduate academic careers.

Summer — Graduate and Undergraduate Students

The Summer FLAS is available to both graduate and undergraduate students, and can be used either at Berkeley, elsewhere in the US or abroad, upon approval. Awards for graduate students are made at either the intermediate or advanced levels; undergraduate applicants must have junior or senior status when the award period begins and must intend to study the language at the 100AB (advanced) level or higher.

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University of California, Berkeley

Center Information

Center for Latin American Studies

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Academic Year/Summer Awards

Academic Year

FLAS awards for the academic year are available to graduate students only. Spanish and Portuguese, the two languages taught at UC Berkeley, are the pre-approved languages for CLAS. Awards for Portuguese are available at the intermediate level or advanced level. Awards for Spanish are available at the advanced level only. Students applying for FLAS in languages other than those pre-approved languages must provide a plan for a full year of language training and area studies at another institution according to FLAS guidelines. These programs require approval from the U.S. Department of Education. Priority will be given to students seeking to study a less commonly taught language (any language other than Spanish), applicants from professional schools, and students in advanced levels of language study. Students must demonstrate a commitment to the world area and their field in the next stage of their professional or academic careers.

Summer

The Summer FLAS award competition is open to graduate and undergraduate students studying a foreign language at the intermediate level or higher. Spanish and Portuguese are the two pre-approved languages; however, students are encouraged to use summer awards to study a less commonly taught language not available at UC Berkeley through FLAS-approved programs at other U.S. or international institutions. These programs require approval from the U.S. Department of Education. Undergraduate applicants must be juniors or incoming seniors majoring or minoring in Latin American Studies or another discipline with a focus on Latin America. All students must demonstrate a commitment to the world area and their field in the next stage of their professional or academic careers. The selection committee will give priority to students studying any language other than Spanish. Priority will also be given to applicants from professional schools.

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Academic Year

Academic Year FLAS awards will be available in modern Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, and Turkish. Priority will be given to students pursuing advanced language proficiency (third year+) for graduate research purposes and professional development, though students at all levels are welcome to apply. Awardees must be registered in language and area studies courses at UCB throughout award period. *THE CMES DOES NOT AWARD AY FLAS FOR RESEARCH ABROAD.*

For questions regarding the 2012 – 2013 grant cycle, and student eligibility, please contact the Center for Middle Eastern Studies.

Summer

Summer FLAS awards must be used for study at UC Berkeley or through a program that has been or can be approved by the U.S. Department of Education. Overseas language programs run by consortia of which Berkeley is a member are also eligible.

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Academic Year/Summer Awards

Academic Year

South Asia academic year FLAS awards are available for Bengali, Hindi, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu. A FLAS grant in Sanskrit will only be considered if the student's project statement adequately demonstrates the applicability of Sanskrit to a topic dealing with modern or contemporary South Asia. Awards are *not* given for dissertation research abroad.

For 2012 – 2013, FLAS awards are now also open to undergraduates studying a South Asian language at the Intermediate or Advanced level. Incoming junior and seniors preferred, and either majoring or minoring in South Asian Studies through the Department of South & Southeast Asian Studies, or majoring in a discipline represented by the core faculty of the Center for South Asia Studies (Anthropology; Energy and Resources Group; English; Economics; Ethnic Studies; Geography; History; History of Art; Music; Sociology; Political Science; Urban Planning). For questions regarding the availability of specific languages in 2012-2013, and student eligibility, please contact the Center for South Asia Studies.

Summer

Berkeley students are encouraged to take languages not available at UC Berkeley through the use of a summer FLAS at an institution that has a FLAS eligible program, including programs abroad. UC Berkeley students are encouraged to take their summer study at SASLI (South Asian Studies Language Institute) held at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, if the language is offered. See the SASLI Web site (<http://www.wisc.edu/sasli/>). Consult with the Center for South Asia Studies. Non-Berkeley students are welcome to apply for a summer FLAS at Berkeley for intensive first-year Hindi.

For summer 2012, FLAS awards are also open to undergraduates studying a South Asian language at the Intermediate or Advanced level. Incoming junior and seniors preferred either majoring or minoring in South Asian Studies through the Department of South & Southeast Asian Studies, or majoring in a discipline represented by the core faculty of the Center for South Asia Studies (Anthropology; Energy and Resources Group; English; Economics; Ethnic Studies; Geography; History; History of Art; Music; Sociology; Political Science; Urban Planning). For questions student eligibility, please contact the Center for South Asia Studies.

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Academic Year

Academic Year FLAS awards are available for Filipino, Indonesian, Khmer, Vietnamese, and possibly Thai (pending availability of funding).

Most of the Southeast Asian languages offered at Berkeley are offered through the third year, or advanced level, of instruction. However, before applying for a FLAS award for a specific language, students should contact the Center for Southeast Asia Studies to confirm that the language will be offered in 2012 – 2013 at the level of instruction they are seeking.

Undergraduates may apply for a FLAS award if they are planning to study a Southeast Asian language at the intermediate or advanced level. Award preference will be given to students who are either majoring or minoring in Southeast Asian Studies through the Department of South & Southeast Asian Studies or who otherwise demonstrate a commitment to Southeast Asian Studies.

Graduate students may apply for a FLAS award to study a Southeast Asian language for any level of instruction. Awards are prioritized for students who are pursuing advanced language proficiency.

Students who are already at an advanced proficiency level and interested in a fourth year of instruction may not apply for a FLAS award unless the relevant language instructor formally agrees to organize a language course to meet their needs that also fulfills FLAS fellowship requirements, and has this arrangement approved by the CSEAS Chair.

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Academic Year/Summer Awards

Summer

Students may apply for summer FLAS awards to study a Southeast Asian language either in the U.S. or overseas. Limited travel awards may be available for students applying for an overseas summer language program. Undergraduate students may apply for a summer FLAS award to study a Southeast Asian language at the intermediate or advanced level.

In the U.S., students should plan to use their FLAS award to study at a U.S. Department of Education-approved program, such as SEASSI (Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute), which is held at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (<http://seassi.wisc.edu>). PLEASE NOTE: UC Berkeley students interested in attending SEASSI should apply for a FLAS award directly through UC Berkeley, NOT through SEASSI's own application process.

Overseas language programs must meet the standards for course instruction and contact hours set by the U.S. Department of Education. Please consult CSEAS for more information about summer program options and eligibility. In general, overseas programs are only open for students planning to study at an advanced level. Students who wish to study a Southeast Asian language who are not yet at an advanced level may only use a FLAS award for an overseas program if the pertinent language is not offered at a reputable program in the U.S.

The following overseas language programs are NOT eligible for FLAS awards, as they are fully supported by funding from the U.S. Department of Education through the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad program: COTI (Indonesia), AST (Thailand), AFA (Philippines), ASK (Cambodia) and VASI (Vietnam).

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Academic Year—Graduate Students

Languages offered include Armenian, Bulgarian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Czech, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, and Russian. Eligible graduate students in any discipline and department may apply for FLAS fellowships, including students in professional schools and the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Priority is given to students who are pursuing advanced level language proficiency in these languages, to students demonstrating likelihood of pursuing government service, and/or to students pursuing Master's degrees in the professional schools. Low priority is given to applicants for dissertation research abroad and to applicants who already possess native fluency in the target language. Jury members look for commitment to the area and field when deciding on applications. Past FLAS recipients may apply for subsequent FLAS funding.

Academic Year—Undergraduate Students

FLAS awards are open to undergraduates studying a Slavic, East European, or Eurasian language at the Intermediate or Advanced level. Languages funded include Armenian, Bulgarian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Czech, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, and Russian. To be eligible, an undergraduate student must have completed at least one year of study of the target language at UC Berkeley by the start of the fellowship. Eligible students in any discipline and department may apply for FLAS fellowships, and applications from students in pre-professional programs and in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics are encouraged. Priority is given to students who are pursuing advanced level language proficiency in these languages, to students demonstrating likelihood of pursuing government service, and/or to students demonstrating likelihood of continuing language and area studies beyond the fellowship period. Low priority is given to applicants who already possess native fluency in the target language. Jury members look for commitment to the area and field when deciding on applications. Past FLAS recipients may apply for subsequent FLAS funding.

Summer—Graduate Students

Languages funded include Armenian, Bulgarian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Czech, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, and Russian. Applications for summer study of other Slavic, East European, Eurasian, Caucasus, or Central Asian languages are possible, pending approval of the language program by the U.S. Department of Education. Eligible graduate students in any discipline and department may apply for FLAS fellowships, including students in professional schools and the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Priority is given to students who are pursuing advanced level language proficiency in these languages, to students pursuing Master's degrees in the professional schools, and/or to students demonstrating likelihood of entering government service as a career. Low priority

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Students are encouraged to take languages not available at UC Berkeley through the use of a summer FLAS at an institution that has a FLAS eligible program. UC Berkeley students are encouraged to pursue summer study at the Summer Workshop in Slavic, East European, and Central Asian Languages (SWSEEL) at Indiana University (<http://www.indiana.edu/~swseel/>) or the Russian and East European Summer Language Institute (SLI) of the University of Pittsburgh (<http://www.slavic.pitt.edu/sli/>), if the desired language and level are offered. Students wishing to use an award for an overseas language program must be at the intermediate or advanced level of language proficiency, or at the beginning level if a beginning language program in the target language is not available in the U.S. Summer FLAS for language study abroad requires U.S. Department of Education approval of the instructional program and travel itinerary. Depending upon availability of funds, Summer FLAS awards sometimes have provision for up to \$1000 in travel assistance. To be eligible, an applicant must provide a travel itinerary which adheres to the Fly America Act.

Frequently Asked Questions for the Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship

Q. *I am an undergraduate student at UC Berkeley. Can I apply for an academic year FLAS?*

A. Yes. Undergraduate students who are proposing to study a Less Commonly Taught Language (LCTL) which is defined as any other language other than English, Spanish, German, or French, and who are at the intermediate or advanced level of that study are eligible to apply for an academic year FLAS. Please see pages 3 - 7 for additional information.

Q. *Can I apply for the year-long FLAS for dissertation research and writing?*

A. Because the legislative intent of the FLAS fellowship program is language acquisition and the U.S. Department of Education has a separate dissertation fellowship program (Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program) with an annual competition, use of the FLAS fellowship for dissertation research is not encouraged.

Q. *Is a downloaded copy of my UC Berkeley transcript from Bear Facts acceptable?*

A. Yes. Make sure your name is included on the transcript.

Q. *I am a first-year graduate student. What transcripts do I submit?*

A. Provide photocopies of your undergraduate transcript as well as any transcripts with graduate coursework taken. First semester grades should be submitted as soon as they are available. Be sure to cross out your social security number if it is found on your transcript.

Q. *Will the Fellowships Office notify me if my application is incomplete?*

A. No. Students are responsible for checking if their application is complete.

Q. *When will I be notified if I have won the award?*

A. Awards will be announced in April.

Q. *Can I work while on the FLAS fellowship?*

A. You may work no more than an average of 25% time research or teaching appointment per academic year.

Q. *Do I have to take an international and area studies course both in the fall and the spring semesters?*

A. Yes. Please make sure that you are enrolled in your language course and an international and area studies course each semester while on fellowship tenure.

Q. *Can I take my language and international/area studies courses "pass/fail"?*

A. No. The U.S. Department of Education requires that language and international/area studies courses be taken for a letter grade.

Q. *What are examples of international and area studies courses?*

A. These courses are not limited to courses from the specific departments labeled "Africa," "East Asia," etc. Courses within the world area of award are acceptable. For example, for East Asian Studies, Music 134A: Music of the East Asia Tradition; Political Science 143A: Northeast Asian Politics; and Sociology 183C: China in the 1990's are all acceptable courses for East Asian FLAS fellows. Contact Gina Farales, FLAS Coordinator, at (510) 642-7739, or by e-mail (gfarales@berkeley.edu) if you have any questions about the course requirements for FLAS.