

# FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES (FLAS) FELLOWSHIP

## *Summer 2012*

**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.

Summer FLAS Fellowships are available to graduate students and, where eligible, to undergraduate students at the intermediate or advanced level of a critical or less commonly taught language. Students must consult the attached list of world area centers for specific eligibility and application details relevant to the proposed language of study.

The summer FLAS award should provide each fellow with the equivalent of a full academic year's worth of language instruction. Students at the beginning and intermediate levels must have at least 140 contact hours, while advanced students must have at least 120 contact hours of language study. All language instruction programs must meet for a minimum of 6 weeks. Summer awards are not available for dissertation research.

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.

Bulletins and applications for courses at UC Berkeley are available both online (<http://summer.berkeley.edu>) and in the Summer Sessions Office, 1995 University Avenue, (510) 642-5611. Summer FLAS Fellowships may be awarded for intensive language study at other universities, including foreign universities, with prior approval from the U.S. Department of Education. Students are responsible for meeting admission and registration deadlines, if applicable.

**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; and 2) students who are taking the first 12 semester hours or the equivalent in Chinese, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish.

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.

UC Berkeley may fund a graduate student from another institution to take a language course here at Berkeley. The student may also opt to take a course at a program sponsored by UC Berkeley (e.g., SEASSI, SCALI, SASLI, SWSEEL).

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

**Award:** The Summer FLAS Fellowship covers registration fees up to \$5,000 and provides a stipend of \$2,500.

**Application:** FLAS Fellowships are awarded competitively on merit basis through an annual fellowship competition administered by the Graduate Fellowships Office. Students (both graduate and undergraduate) may apply for the Summer FLAS Fellowship by downloading the application from the web: [http://grad.berkeley.edu/financial/pdf/flas\\_summer\\_application.pdf](http://grad.berkeley.edu/financial/pdf/flas_summer_application.pdf)

The deadline for receipt of the application and supporting documents is Monday, January 23, 2012. Awards will be announced in April.

## **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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### Center Information

#### Center for African Studies

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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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#### Institute of East Asian Studies

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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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### 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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#### Center for Middle Eastern Studies

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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 ANY 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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## Center Information

### Center for South Asia Studies

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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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### Center for Southeast 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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### Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

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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.

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## Frequently Asked Questions for the Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship

**Q.** *What should I look for when researching language programs?*

**A.** Keep in mind that the summer FLAS award should provide each fellow with the equivalent of a full academic year's worth of language of instruction. Programs should be a minimum of 6 weeks in length. Students at the beginning and intermediate levels are expected to attend programs offering a minimum of 140 contact hours, while advanced students need 120 hours of instruction.

**Q.** *How do I obtain approval of my language program from the U.S. Department of Education?*

**A.** The Graduate Fellowships Office is responsible for seeking approval from the U.S. Department of Education after you have accepted the fellowship offer. You are strongly advised not to make irrevocable travel arrangements prior to receiving official approval from the U.S. Department of Education.

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

**A.** Yes. Undergraduate students may also apply for a summer FLAS if they are at the intermediate or advanced level of study of a less commonly taught language, which is defined by the U.S. Department of Education as any language other than English, Spanish, German, or French. Please see pages 2 - 6 for additional information.

**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 for graduate course work 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 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.** *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.** *When do I expect to hear that I have received the summer FLAS?*

**A.** Awards will be announced in April.