

***Columbia University***  
***School of International & Public Affairs***

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**Foreign Language & Area Studies  
Fellowship**

**FLAS APPLICATION  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2009 - 2010**

**Application Due Date:  
MARCH 6, 2009**

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**PURPOSE:**

The Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Program is predicated on the belief that “the security, stability, and economic vitality of the United States in a complex global era depend upon American experts in citizens knowledgeable about world regions, foreign languages, and international affairs, as well as upon a strong research base in these areas.” FLAS fellowships strengthen the nation’s ability to respond to security threats and to compete effectively in the modern world by promoting foreign language competence and area and international knowledge and by ensuring the continuance of area expertise in a variety of fields, including academe.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

The FLAS Fellowship competition is open to graduate students of Columbia University who are US citizens, national, or permanent residents who are enrolled in a full-time program (either domestic or overseas) that combines modern foreign language training **with** international or area studies. The FLAS award offers fellowship assistance to meritorious students undergoing beginning, intermediate, or advanced training in modern foreign languages with concentrations in related international or area studies (see “eligible FLAS Languages at Columbia University”). **Students are required to take language and area courses per semester.** All courses must be taken for a letter grade.

Applicants may compete for the Academic Year FLAS fellowship in more than one language, but may only receive the award for one language during the award period. **Each language of study requires a separate and complete application packet.** Applicants applying for the Summer 2008 FLAS must submit a separate and complete Summer 2008 application packet.

FLAS fellows must complete an electronic Student Performance Report at the end of the fellowship. Failure to submit this report can jeopardize future FLAS funding; holds will be placed on students’ registration, diplomas, and transcript. You will be required to repay the FLAS fellowship for non-compliance.

**AWARD & REQUIREMENTS:**

**FLAS fellowships are contingent upon funding from the U.S. Department of Education.** The Academic Year FLAS fellowship provides a tuition grant of up to \$12,000 plus a stipend of \$15,000. Remaining tuition, health service fee and medical insurance (basic coverage only) will be covered by students’ school of enrollment within Columbia University (ex. GSAS, SIPA, TC). The FLAS fellowship does not cover any miscellaneous fees, such as computer lab fee, student activity fee, university facility fee, etc.

With approval from the United States Department of Education, Academic Year FLAS awards may be used for full-time dissertation research provided the student is at the advanced level of language proficiency. The use of the foreign language in dissertation research must be extensive enough to be able 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. Please note that since the FLAS program is for 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.

All overseas programs of study 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 United States, and must be approved by the U.S Department of Education at least thirty (30) days **prior** to the start of the program.

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Eligible FLAS Languages (those submitted by the Columbia University world area institutes with FLAS programs and approved by the United States Department of Education for FLAS study) are listed below along with the world area of concentration for which the language was approved, and eligible levels of proficiency.

<u>LANGUAGE</u>	<u>WORLD AREA OF CONCENTRATION</u>	<u>LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY</u>
Arabic	Africa, Middle East	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Bengali	South Asia	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Catalan	Western Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Chinese	East Asia	Intermediate, Advanced
Czech	East Central Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Dutch	Western Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Finnish	Western Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
French	Western Europe	Advanced only
German	Western Europe	Advanced only
Greek	Western Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Hausa	Africa	Beginning, Intermediate
Hebrew	Middle East	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Hindi	South Asia	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Hungarian	East Central Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Italian	Western Europe	Intermediate, Advanced (preference given to advanced)
Japanese	East Asia	Intermediate, Advanced
Korean	East Asia	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Persian	Middle East , South Asia	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Polish	East Central Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Portuguese	Latin America, Western Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Punjabi	South Asia	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Pulaar	Africa	Beginning, Intermediate
Russian	East Central Europe	Four years of study normally required
Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian	East Central Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Spanish	Latin America	Intermediate, Advanced
Spanish	Western Europe	Advanced only
Swahili	Africa	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Swedish	Western Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Tamil	South Asia	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Telegu	South Asia	Beginning, Intermediate
Turkish	Middle East	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Ukrainian	East Central Europe	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Urdu	South Asia	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
Wolof	Africa	Beginning, Intermediate
Zulu	Africa	Beginning, Intermediate

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**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

*(Please print clearly or type)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CUID: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Sought:       MIA       MPA      First Date of Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the following boxes:       United States Citizen       Permanent Resident

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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** List name and location of all colleges, and graduate/professional schools attended (including Columbia University).

| School (name/location) | Dates of Attendance | Degree | Date Received/Anticipated |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------------|
| _____                  | _____               | _____  | _____                     |
| _____                  | _____               | _____  | _____                     |
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Undergraduate Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Major: \_\_\_\_\_

**Honors and Awards:**  
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**LANGUAGE INFORMATION**

LANGUAGE OF APPLICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

WORLD AREA OF INTEREST:  
*(please check one)*

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|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Africa              | <input type="checkbox"/> East Asia     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> East Central Europe | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin America |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East         | <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Asia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Europe      |                                        |

Level of Proficiency to be studied during AY 2009-2010:     Beginning     Intermediate     Advanced

Institution of study during award period:     Columbia University     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Language Course (Fall 2009): \_\_\_\_\_

Language Course (Spring 2010): \_\_\_\_\_

Your native language: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously held a FLAS award:     YES     NO

If yes: When? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

List the courses you have taken in the language of application, where they were taken, and the grades received: (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

| Course | Where taken | Grades |
|--------|-------------|--------|
| _____  | _____       | _____  |
| _____  | _____       | _____  |
| _____  | _____       | _____  |

What other languages have you studied and how long? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Indicate other experiences relevant to the target language: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**I understand the FLAS rules and regulations as listed in the application.**

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**Applicant signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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