

Columbia University
School of International & Public Affairs

**Foreign Language & Area Studies
Fellowship**

**FLAS APPLICATION
SUMMER 2009**

**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 knowledge 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 Summer FLAS Fellowship competition is open to graduate students of Columbia University who are U.S. citizens, nationals or permanent residents who are enrolled in a formal program of intensive language study. The Summer FLAS award offers fellowship assistance to meritorious students undergoing beginning, intermediate, or advanced training in modern foreign languages. (See “Eligible Languages Columbia University”).

Applicants may compete for the Summer 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.** Applicants applying for the Academic Year FLAS must submit a separate and complete Academic Year 2009-2010 application.

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 place on the students’ registration, diplomas, and transcripts. You will be required to repay the FLAS fellowship funding for non compliance.

AWARD & REQUIREMENTS:

FLAS fellowships are contingent upon funding from the U.S. Department of Education. The Summer 2009 FLAS fellowship provides tuition grant of up to \$4,000, plus a stipend of \$2,500. Remaining tuition cost above the FLAS tuition grant must be covered by the students’ school of enrollment within Columbia University (ex. GSAS, SIPA, TC).

The summer language course studied under the Summer FLAS fellowship must be the equivalent of an academic year course, at least 140 contact hours, and a minimum of six (6) weeks in length. 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. All overseas language programs must be approved by the United States Department of Education at least thirty (30) days **prior** to the start of the program. Please provide any relevant program brochures, web sites and/or documentation with your application. Summer FLAS are not available for dissertation research.

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ELIGIBLE LANGUAGES

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	Italian, Advanced (preference given to advanced)
Japanese	East Asia	Intermediate, Advanced
Korean	East Asia	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
Pulaar	Africa	Beginning, Intermediate
Punjabi	South Asia	Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
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
Tibetan	East Asia	Intermediate, Advanced
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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**PLEASE NOTE:** Each language of application requires a separate and complete application packet.

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**LANGUAGE INFORMATION**

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

WORLD AREA OF INTEREST:  Africa  East Asia  
*(please check one)*  
 East Central Europe  Latin America  
 Middle East  Southern Asia  
 Western Europe

Level of Proficiency to be studied during Summer 2009:  Beginning  Intermediate  Advanced

Summer Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

URL: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Title(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Credit Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Weeks in Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Tuition Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Cost \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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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