

Duke University
GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS
SUMMER 2017 Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017, 5:00 PM

All application materials must be received by the appropriate Area Studies Center by the deadline. Late applications will not be accepted. All hard copy materials must arrive at the Center by close of business on the deadline date.

FLAS INFORMATION SESSION: Thursday, December 1, 2016, 5:00 pm, in Room 130 Franklin Center, 2204 Erwin Road, Durham. Note: Free parking is available beginning at 5:00 pm in the Pickens Health Clinic Lot across the street.

With funding provided by the U.S. Department of Education, the two area studies centers listed below will award non-service fellowships for the 2017 summer session. The awards provide stipends of \$2,500 each plus remission of tuition and registration fees up to \$5,000 for one summer session. Each center listed below will administer its own competition to award fellowships for the study of the languages listed.

The purpose of the summer FLAS Fellowships is to permit students to study one of the languages indicated below on an intensive basis. As in previous years the fellowships are available to graduate and professional school students. As of summer 2010, the fellowships are also available to undergraduate students who are studying less commonly taught languages at the intermediate to advanced level.

The degree of intensity must be equivalent to covering one year of college-level instruction in the summer (for those at the beginner level, the minimum required number of contact hours is 140; for those at the intermediate or advanced level, the minimum required number of contact hours is 120). Please note that according to U.S. Department of Education guidelines, FLAS Fellows studying any language on an overseas program must be at the intermediate or advanced level of study of the language in question. Also, Duke undergraduate students proposing to enroll in a non-Duke overseas program will need to seek approval from the Duke Office of Global Education for Undergraduates.

The summer FLAS competitions are open to undergraduate, graduate, and professional school students currently enrolled at Duke. In most cases, native speakers of these languages, even if U.S. citizens or permanent residents, are not eligible for a fellowship in their native language. Competitive preference will be given to applicants who have demonstrated financial need as reflected in their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) report.

Eligibility requirements for Summer FLAS Fellowships:

- (1) Recipients must be full-time students in an undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree program during the regular academic years preceding and following this award;
- (2) Recipients must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents;
- (3) Recipients must enroll in the formal study of one of the languages indicated below;

Application instructions for Summer FLAS Fellowships: We are pleased to invite applications from students in academic departments or professional schools for these FLAS fellowships. Each center listed on the attached page will administer its own competition to award fellowships for the intensive study of the languages listed. Please send one copy of the following application materials to each center to which you are applying **no later than 5:00 p.m., February 17, 2017.**

It is possible to apply to more than one center and to centers not affiliated with Duke University – please make it clear on your application if you are doing so and be sure to submit a complete application with all supporting documentation to each center to which you are applying.

- (1) a completed application form (attached)
- (2) two letters of recommendation:
 - a. one which evaluates the candidate's graduate and/or undergraduate performance, from the candidate's academic advisor, sponsoring faculty member, or other, and
 - b. one from a language instructor who is able to assess the student's current skills in the language to be studied, or for beginning language candidates, the second letter should be from another faculty member or other who is familiar with your work;
- (3) an official transcript of the candidate's academic record at Duke;
- (4) a two-page (double-spaced) proposal by the candidate describing prior language and area studies training, related experiences, and future study plans, including explicit reference to how those plans will lead to professional activity in the relevant world area in which the language will be used. Be sure to clearly indicate the proposed language and the summer intensive language program.
- (5) Student Aid Report from your most recent Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form and instructions can be found online at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
Please be sure to indicate that your report should be sent to Duke University.

Fellowship Requirements:

Fellowship recipients are required to meet the following conditions during and after the term of the fellowship:

- Summer FLAS Fellowship recipients enrolled in an overseas program must register with the [Duke University International Travel Registry](#).
- Summer FLAS Fellowship recipients must be enrolled in an approved intensive language program. Fellowship recipients in a language with level restrictions who fail to meet enrollment requirements for the minimum level (e.g. successful completion of prerequisite courses or minimum score on a placement test) will have their fellowships cancelled. Summer FLAS funds may not be used to enroll in culture and/or area studies

activities/courses that are not included as a part of the intensive language program and for which separate tuition is charged.

- FLAS Fellowship recipients must complete any language proficiency testing at the beginning and end of their fellowship terms as required by U.S. Department of Education and the Area Studies Center.
- FLAS Fellowship recipients must comply with all reporting requirements of U.S. Department of Education and the Area Studies Center.
- FLAS Fellowship recipients are required to complete a survey regarding their career paths for a period of time following graduation from their currently enrolled degree program in accordance with U.S. Department of Education requirements.

Center	Specified purpose of Summer FLAS Fellowship
Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies 135 Franklin Center, Box 90254 Contact: Natalie Hartman phone 681-3983 e-mail: njh@duke.edu	The UNC-Duke Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies awards Summer FLAS Fellowships for the intensive study of Yucatec Maya, K'iché Maya, Haitian Creole and Brazilian Portuguese or other less commonly taught languages of the Americas. Application deadline for Summer FLAS competition: February 17, 2017.
Middle East Studies Center 110 Franklin Center, Box 90402 Contact: Tom DeGeorges Phone: 919-684-1745 e-mail: td112@duke.edu	The Middle East Studies Center awards Summer FLAS Fellowships for the intensive study of Modern Arabic, Persian, Turkish, and Modern Hebrew, Urdu. Application deadline for Summer FLAS competition: February 17, 2017.

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