



## **Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships 2025-2026 Competition for Graduate and Professional Students for Chinese, Japanese, Korean and other East Asian languages**

The East Asian Studies Center (EASC) at The Ohio State University is seeking applications for fellowships for Summer 2025 and Academic Year 2025-2026 under the U.S. Department of Education's Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship program. These fellowships are available to all full-time graduate and professional students at all levels and in any department who are pursuing a course of study which requires advanced foreign language and area studies training. All applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

### **LANGUAGE ELIGIBILITY**

Awards will be made through EASC for Chinese, Japanese, or Korean language study. Modern language study is the focus of FLAS; classical language study will be considered on a case-by-case basis and must receive special approval from the US Department of Education to be awarded. Applications for other East Asian languages (e.g. Tibetan, Uyghur, Uzbek, Mongolian) will also be considered. If applying for an award in more than one language, separate applications for each language/area study focus must be submitted. Applicants are responsible for contacting appropriate language departments and/or summer language programs and establishing that their requested level of language instruction will be offered in 2025-2026.

### **SUMMER (SU) 2025 FELLOWSHIPS:**

SU fellowships are expected to carry a stipend of \$3,500 and an award for tuition and partial fees (up to \$5,000). SU fellowships are awarded for intensive language study only. Intensive programs eligible for support must encompass the equivalent of a full year of language study with at least 120 contact/classroom hours in instruction for advanced (Level 3 and higher) language levels and 140 hours for beginning (Level 1) and intermediate (Level 2) language levels and offer at least 6 weeks of instruction. Individualized instruction, dissertation research, and audited classes are ineligible for a Summer FLAS.

SU fellowships may be used for intensive language study at Ohio State or at other institutions, including study abroad, so long as travel restrictions are not in place by the US Department of Education or Ohio State. In such cases, applicants must provide itemized data on tuition, fees, and room and board expenses in the Language Instruction Budget Estimate section of the online application. Summer award recipients must register for a minimum of six credit hours of language courses during the award period. They are also required to meet with the FLAS Coordinator prior to the start of their program, as well as take a language proficiency entrance and exit exam before and after their program of study. In addition, recipients must submit a post-fellowship online report to the U.S. Department of Education and participate in brief bi-annual surveys on their job placement and use of language skills for eight years post-graduation.

U.S. government regulations require all recipients of a FLAS travel award (available in some circumstances for summer fellows) to comply with the provisions appearing in the Fly America Act. Specifically, all tickets for overseas flights purchased with U.S. Department of Education funds must be on a U.S. carrier, unless the traveler is able to meet specific exception requirements. If a fellow fails to meet any of these requirements, support may be withheld and/or they will be required to return funds given to them, including payments for tuition and fees.



If studying overseas, fellows must register this travel with Ohio State's Global Education office and purchase the required supplemental [travel insurance](#), the cost of which (estimated \$1.67/day) is the fellow's personal responsibility.

**PRIORITIES:** In awarding Summer 2025 fellowships, consideration will be given to applicants with academic merit and professional potential who also demonstrate financial need as documented through their Expected Family Contribution calculated through their submitted FAFSA application. Highest priority will be given to candidates proposing to study at the advanced level (Level 3 or higher) before entering government service; second-highest priority will be given to students planning to study at the advanced levels (Level 3 or higher) in the first three years of their graduate or professional program; and third-highest priority will be given to students planning to study at the intermediate level (Level 2) or above in non-prototypical fields.

**AWARD NOTIFICATIONS:** Fellowship competition results will be announced in March 2025.

## **ACADEMIC YEAR (AY) 2025-2026 FELLOWSHIPS:**

AY fellowships are expected to carry a stipend of \$20,000 for graduate and professional students. In addition, AY fellowships provide students in programs within Ohio State's Graduate School an award for full tuition and partial Ohio State fees. Professional school students or students studying at other institutions receive up to \$18,000 in tuition and fee support. Subject to approval, AY FLAS fellowships may also be used for foreign language and area studies at other U.S. or foreign institutions, so long as travel restrictions are not in place by the US Department of Education or Ohio State. Because FLAS Fellowships are language and area study-based, all AY award recipients must be enrolled in at least one **three-credit, graded, classroom-taught** language course and at least one **three-credit, graded, classroom-taught** area studies course each semester during the tenure of the fellowship. AY award recipients must also be full-time fellows (at least 12 credit hours per semester).

In order to gauge each student's language progress during the period of their fellowship, recipients are also required to take a language proficiency entrance examination in the beginning of the academic year and an exit examination at the end of the academic year. FLAS fellows are also required to meet with the FLAS Coordinator prior to the start of each semester to discuss their course load and program of study. In addition, all recipients are required to submit a post-fellowship online report to the U.S. Department of Education and participate in brief bi-annual surveys on their job placement and use of language skills for eight years post-graduation. If a fellow fails to meet any of these requirements, money may be withheld and/or they will be required to return the money given to them including payments for tuition.

If studying overseas, fellows must register this travel with Ohio State's Global Education office and purchase the required supplemental [travel insurance](#), the cost of which (estimated \$1.67/day) is the fellow's personal responsibility.

**PRIORITIES:** In awarding Academic Year 2025-2026 fellowships, consideration will be given to applicants with academic merit and professional potential who also demonstrate financial need as documented through their Expected Family Contribution calculated through their submitted FAFSA application. Highest priority will be given to candidates proposing to study at the advanced level (Level 3 or higher) before entering government service; second-highest priority will be given to students planning to study at the advanced levels (Level 3 or higher) in the first three years of their graduate or professional program; and third-highest priority will be given to students planning to study at the intermediate level (Level 2) or above in non-prototypical fields.

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## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The APPLICATION DEADLINE is **Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 4:30 PM EST** for both Summer 2025 and Academic Year 2025-2026 fellowship applications. Applicants are eligible to apply for both summer and academic year fellowships. No consideration will be given to applications that are incompletely or improperly filled out.

A complete application includes the following:

1. The completed **Online Application Form** which can be accessed from <https://easc.osu.edu/fellowships/graduate/flas>.
2. An up-to-date **OSU Advising Report** of all courses taken and grades received, and **Official Transcripts** from any other previous college-level study at other institutions (attached in your online application).
3. A **Resume or CV** (two pages maximum; attached in your online application).
4. A one-page single-spaced **Statement of Intent** (attached in your online application).
5. A **Budget Estimate** section in your online application, with relevant supporting materials attached.
6. **Three Letters of Reference** from faculty members familiar with your academic work. At least one letter must be from a faculty who can speak specifically to the applicant's language ability. Applicants fill out the Student Section of the FLAS Reference Form and provide it to their referees. Referees complete and submit via email to [easc@osu.edu](mailto:easc@osu.edu) by Thursday, February 1, 2025.
7. Applicants must also separately submit a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** to OSU's Office of Student Financial Aid by their priority deadline of Thursday, February 1, 2025 to be considered for a FLAS Fellowship. The FAFSA can be accessed at <http://sfa.osu.edu>.

## CONTACT

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