

Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Info Session

Summer 2016
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- 2) Goals and uses of FLAS fellowships
- 3) Benefits of a fellowship
- 4) Eligibility criteria and priorities
- 5) Selection criteria and selection committee
- 6) Fellowship requirements and responsibilities
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FLAS at the national level

- FLAS program is funded by U.S. Department of Education under Title VI Higher Education Act of 1965
- Provides academic year and summer fellowships to institutions of higher education to assist undergraduate and graduate students in foreign language and either area or international studies
- Universities compete every four years for grants
- In this cycle (currently Year 2 of 4), OSU is one of only 15 universities in the U.S. that offer fellowships for East Asian language study



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National goals of FLAS Program

- to assist in the development of knowledge, resources, and trained personnel for modern foreign language and area/international studies
- to stimulate the attainment of foreign language acquisition and fluency
- to develop a pool of international experts to meet national needs



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Use of fellowships

- *Summer: Intensive Language Study*
 - Undergraduate STEM Students:
 - Domestic or overseas intensive language programs, must be at advanced level (3rd year or higher)
 - Graduate and Professional Students:
 - Domestic beginning (1st year), intermediate (2nd year) or advanced (3rd year or higher) intensive language programs
 - Overseas intermediate or advanced intensive language programs; beginning language study overseas is not eligible for support
- *Academic Year: Language and Area Studies*
 - Domestic full-time language and area studies
 - Overseas full-time language and area studies



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Benefits of fellowship

Summer 2016

- Both undergraduate and graduate/professional students:
 - Tuition and partial fee waiver (up to \$5,000)
 - Stipend of \$2,500
 - Possibility of travel funds up to \$1,000 for those studying overseas (when leftover funds are available; travel fund awardees must abide by Fly America Act)

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- Undergraduate students:
 - Tuition and fee support up to \$10,000
 - Stipend of \$5,000
- Graduate/professional students:
 - Tuition and partial fee waiver for students in OSU Graduate School OR up to \$18,000 in tuition and fee support for students in OSU professional schools or students studying at other institutions
 - Stipend of \$15,000



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Eligibility criteria

Undergraduate fellows

- Full-time student of junior or senior standing at time of fellowship in a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) major
 - http://undergrad.osu.edu/pdf/OSU_STEM.pdf
- Successful completion of two years of East Asian language study at the college level before beginning the fellowship
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.4
- Shows potential for high academic achievement based on such indices as grade point average, class ranking, or similar measures

Graduate/professional fellows

- Full-time graduate or professional student
 - 12 semester credit hours/semester for academic year fellows
 - 6 semester credit hours for summer fellows
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Enrollment in or acceptance into a program of modern foreign language training
- Shows potential for high academic achievement based on such indices as grade point average, class ranking, or similar measures that the institution may determine



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FLAS-eligible languages

- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Japanese
- Korean
- Fellowships for the study of other East Asian languages (i.e. Tibetan, Uyghur, Mongolian, etc.) may be awarded on a case-by-case basis.
- Focus of FLAS is on modern foreign language training; study of classical languages may be considered on a case-by-case basis.



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FLAS priorities

Undergraduate fellows

Consideration will be given to applicants with academic merit and professional potential.

Highest Priority:

- Students who propose to study at the advanced level (Level 3 or higher) who also demonstrate financial need as defined in Part F of Title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965

Second Highest Priority:

- Students who plan to study at the advanced levels (Level 3 or higher) before entering government service



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FLAS priorities

Graduate/professional fellows

Consideration will be given to applicants with academic merit and professional potential who also demonstrate financial need as defined in Part F of Title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Highest Priority:

- Students who propose to study at the advanced level (Level 3 or higher) before entering government service

Second Highest Priority:

- Students who plan to study at the advanced level (Level 3 or higher) in the first three years of their graduate or professional program

Third Highest Priority:

- Students who plan to study at the intermediate level (Level 2) or above in non-prototypical fields

Lowest Priority:

- Native-level speakers
- Students who are pursuing study of a language at the beginning level (with the exception of least-commonly-taught languages such as Korean or Tibetan)



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Selection criteria

The committee evaluates applications based on the following:

- Academic merit of applicant
(i.e. transcripts, GREs/GMAT/LSAT/SAT/ACT, letters of recommendation)
- Merit of proposal
- Proposed language and level of study
- Year in degree program
- Financial need

The committee may also take the following into consideration:

- Disciplinary breadth of awards
- Applicant's previous FLAS fellowships
- Applicant's eligibility for alternate sources of support



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Selection committee

- The selection committee is comprised of:
 - At least 5 faculty members
 - From at least 4 departments
 - In at least 3 colleges (including 1 professional school)
- Committee membership rotates every year but careful attention is paid to ensure a high-quality, interdisciplinary committee with representatives from China, Japan and Korea faculty



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Summer 2016 FLAS

Requirements of the Fellowship:

- Programs must encompass the equivalent of a full year of language study
- Minimum of 6 weeks in length
- Overseas study only allowed at intermediate or advanced level for graduate/professional students; advanced level only for undergraduate students
- Must be at least 140 contact hours (intermediate) or 120 contact hours (advanced)
- These hours do NOT include time required for homework
- Programs in countries under U.S. State Department Travel Advisories not eligible
- Language proficiency examination at the beginning and end of program in order to gauge language progress over course of fellowship
- Submit a post-fellowship online report to the U.S. Department of Education
- Participate in brief bi-annual survey on job placement and use of language skills for 8 years following graduation

*Note: If a Fellow fails to meet any of these requirements, money may be withheld and/or he/she will be required to return the money given to them including payments for tuition and fees.

*Note: Individualized instruction, dissertation research, and audited classes are not eligible.



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Summer programs

- In addition to the FLAS application, you must also apply to the summer program(s) of your choice
- If you choose to study abroad, you must also fill out the OIA Study Abroad application (after you are awarded the fellowship)

• Domestic Programs

- Numerous programs to choose from:

Summer Programs East Asian Concentration (SPEAC) at The Ohio State University
<http://deall.osu.edu/programs/special-programs/speac>

• Overseas Programs

- Suggested programs include:

Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies (IUC) at Yokohama
<https://web.stanford.edu/dept/IUC/cgi-bin/programs/summer-program.php>

Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies (IUP) at Tsinghua
http://ieas.berkeley.edu/iup/programs_summer.html



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Academic Year 2016-17 FLAS

Requirements of the Fellowship:

- Enrollment in at least one 3-credit, graded, classroom-taught language course each semester, which must be approved by the FLAS Coordinator;
- Enrollment in at least one 3-credit, graded, classroom-taught area studies course, which must be approved by the FLAS Coordinator (at least 25% of course content must focus on East Asia) each semester;
- Full-time student status (12 semester credit hours each semester);
- Language proficiency examination at the beginning and end of the academic year in order to gauge language progress over course of fellowship;
- Meet with FLAS Coordinator by the first week of each semester to discuss course load and obtain approval of program of study;
- Submit a post-fellowship online report to the U.S. Department of Education;
- Participate in brief bi-annual survey on job placement and use of language skills for 8 years following graduation

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Additional responsibilities

- FLAS recipients are expected to maintain high academic standards
 - Must receive a grade of "B" or better in all FLAS-related courses
 - Must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
- Graduate/professional FLAS recipients are being paid to concentrate on their studies
 - Employment with OSU or outside university is not permitted while on fellowship (because fellowship amount is much smaller for undergraduates, they are permitted to work)
 - Students overseas are not permitted to work, intern, or participate in other programs during their overseas study program



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Application procedure

- The APPLICATION DEADLINE is **Monday, February 1, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.**
- Applicants are eligible to apply for both summer and academic year fellowships or just one.
- No consideration will be given to forms that are incompletely or improperly filled out.



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FLAS application

A complete application includes the following:

- **Application Form** (<http://easc.osu.edu/fellowships/undergrad/flas> or <http://easc.osu.edu/fellowships/graduate/flas>); in fillable PDF format
- **Transcripts:** OSU advising report, and official transcripts from all previous graduate and undergraduate work at other institutions. Applicants for both summer and academic year fellowships need only submit one set of transcripts.
- **Statement of Intent:** A one-page single-spaced Statement of Intent. Describe your program of study with special emphasis on languages and area study you propose, their relevance to your graduate study and career plans, and your anticipated level of proficiency at the beginning of the award period. See application for more specific instructions.
- **Three letters of reference** from faculty members familiar with the student's work, including language capability. Applicants for both summer and academic year fellowships need only submit one set of references. See application for more specific instructions.
- **Budget Estimate Form**
- ***NEW THIS YEAR*:** 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 February 15, 2016.

*Note: For students attending summer programs abroad or intensive language programs in the U.S., all information regarding budget and program application contact information must be included with the FLAS application.



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Submission guidelines

- Application forms and other materials should be submitted to:

East Asian Studies Center FLAS Competition

The Ohio State University

314 Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Ave.,

Columbus, OH 43210-1219

(faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted)

- Preferred submission method: U.S. mail, must be postmarked by February 1
- In-person submissions also accepted when EASC office is open, until 4:30 p.m. on February 1
- No campus mail submissions



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Timeline for decisions

- Due to the large number of applications received, it takes time to review them and make offers
- Offers are generally made in mid-March
- Alternates will also be notified at this time
- Others will be informed of status once all offers have been accepted/denied, usually in mid-April

Note: Academic Year 2016-2017 fellowship offers are contingent upon continued receipt of U.S. Department of Education Title VI FLAS grant funding.



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