GRADUATE FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIP (FLAS)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017 GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS - FACT SHEET

Please retain this fact sheet for future reference. Do not submit this fact sheet with your application. The Academic Year Graduate FLAS Fellowship is for domestic or overseas graduate language & area studies or overseas dissertation research. All awards are contingent upon the University receiving annual fellowship funding from the Department of Education for the next award period. The deadline is January 15, 2016. The FLAS fellowship is for the 2016-2017 academic year only. Students must compete annually for additional FLAS fellowships. Prior FLAS support does not guarantee or preclude additional support from future competitions. All materials must be in English.

I. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to apply for a FLAS fellowship, a student must meet the following criteria:

a. Be a citizen or eligible permanent resident of the United States, or be in the process of becoming a citizen or permanent resident of the United States (in the latter case immigration documentation is required);

b. Be enrolled full time in a graduate degree program in one of the Harvard graduate schools. NOTE: All Non-GSAS applicants must notify their school’s Financial Aid Office that they intend to apply for a FLAS Fellowship to ensure the schools participation.

c. For a Language FLAS – agree to be enrolled in one graded, FLAS approved, language course and one graded area studies course per term.
For an Overseas Research FLAS – agree to be engaged for both terms in overseas dissertation research in the international aspects of professional (or other) fields of study. Students must be at the advanced language level.

d. Subject to US Department of Education approval academic year fellowships for language study may be utilized domestically or overseas. The FLAS may be used for dissertation research provided the student is at the advanced language level and the improvement in the language used in research is extensive enough to be equal to a full year of formal instruction. Fellowships require affiliation with an academic institution or organization approved by the Department of Education. Students must submit the following information along with the application:
   • the name of the institution where the student will be conducting research
   • the name and email address of a contact at the institution
   • the dates of travel

e. FLAS fellows must complete an electronic Student Performance Report at the end of the fellowship. Failure to submit this report, or late submission, precludes future participation in the program.

f. All FLAS nominees will be required to complete a 2016-2017 FAFSA (https://fafsa.ed.gov) prior to actual award decision

II. LANGUAGES CLASSIFIED BY AREA

The following languages, classified by World Area, are approved by the U.S. Department of Education for Harvard University to offer FLAS Fellowships:

EAST EUROPE: Armenian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Czech, Polish, Russian, Ukrainian, Uzbek.
For East Europe only- Use online application at http://daviscenter.fas.harvard.edu/study/student-opportunities/flas-fellowships. The East Europe Academic Year FLAS deadline for current Harvard students is January 15, 2016.

AFRICA: Afrikaans, Akan, Amharic, Arabic-Sudanese, Bamanankan, Chichewa, Dinka, Fulani, Haitian Creole, Hausa, Igbo, Kinyarwanda, Kiro, Malagasy, Somali, Swahili, Wolof, Xhosa, Yoruba, Zulu

MIDDLE EAST: Arabic, Armenian, Hebrew, Kurdish, Persian, Turkish, Uzbek
III. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Academic year fellowships provide a tuition grant of up to $18,000, plus a $15,000 stipend to be dispersed monthly over a ten-month period. Remaining tuition and health fees, if any, must be covered by the students’ school of enrollment within Harvard University (i.e. GSAS, GSE, Divinity School). For this reason Non-GSAS applicants must notify their financial aid office when they apply for a FLAS. Please Note: Masters Programs at HSPH have per-credit billing policy and tuition coverage is limited to remaining credits required to complete the program.

Applicants who plan to study abroad are expected to apply for other appropriate sources of funding for their World Area. Dissertation research and study abroad should be for the entire academic year and GSAS students are encouraged to register as traveling scholars at Harvard.

IV. EMPLOYMENT/ADDITIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

Employment during the fellowship period is limited. FLAS recipients must obtain approval from the FLAS Coordinator for any TF or other work opportunities before accepting them, to ensure compliance with federal regulations and continuation of their grant. Employment may not exceed the value of one-fifth of teaching per term. Additional fellowships may be a conflict. Fellows are advised to contact the FLAS coordinator to discuss options.

V. APPLICATIONS

There are five components of the FLAS application: 1. Fellowship application, 2. Two letters of recommendation: one from a language instructor and one from an area studies instructor, 3. Official transcript, and 4. A statement of purpose and 5. completion of the 2016-2017 FAFSA. There are additional requirements of students wishing to use their FLAS for dissertation research- please see below.

Overseas Dissertation Research applicants must have a project description signed by their academic advisor, and should include the dates of travel abroad, the overseas institution where they will be affiliated, and a contact person at that institution. Please note the Overseas Dissertation FLAS is a research grant, not a writing grant. Where applicable, students should ensure their project has been approved by The Harvard University Committee on the Use of Human Subjects.

Applicants must note on their FLAS application other fellowship programs to which they have applied and, if possible, the results of the applications. Please include this list at the end of the Statement of Purpose.

Questions about FLAS Fellowships should be directed to the FLAS Fellowship Coordinator at 617-495-5396 or via e-mail at flas@fas.harvard.edu.
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Fellowship Application  ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017  Continuing Students

Please read the 2016-2017 FLAS Fact Sheet before starting this application. If you meet the eligibility criteria, complete this form and return it with a transcript of your academic record at Harvard through the most recent term for which you were a registered student*, two letters of recommendation (one from a language instructor and one from an area studies instructor) and a statement of purpose to: FLAS Coordinator, Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 1350 Massachusetts Ave., 3rd Floor, Cambridge, MA 02138. In addition, all nominees will be required to complete the 2016-17 FAFSA.

All materials must be received no later than January 15, 2016. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is submitted and complete by the deadline. Students will not be notified of incomplete applications.

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Name (Mr. / Ms.): __________________________ Harvard ID#: __________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________

(Note: This will be the address to which notification will be mailed in April 2016.)

Telephone: (day) ______________ (alternate) ______________ E-mail: ________________
U.S. Citizen: _____ or Permanent Resident: _____ Alien Registration Number __________________________
GSAS Dept. Name _____ or name of other Harvard Graduate School: ________ Degree (AM,PhD,etc)____

1. Circle the World Area to which you are applying (See FLAS Fact Sheet; languages are classified by World Area):
   - EAST EUROPE
   - AFRICA
   - MIDDLE EAST

2. Indicate how you plan to use the FLAS fellowship:
   - Graduate Language/Area Studies: _____
   - Overseas Doctoral Dissertation Research (PhD students only) _____
   - Note: For Language Study, students are required to take one graded language course and one graded area studies course per term.

3. What one language will you be studying, or using in your doctoral dissertation research? __________________
   - Native Language, if other than English: _________________________________

4. How many years have you studied this and any other language in your World Area?

   Language  Undergraduate Yrs  Graduate Yrs
   __________________  __________________  _____________

5. Number of academic year FLAS Fellowships previously held: _____
   Number of summer FLAS Fellowships previously held: __________

6. If you receive a FLAS Fellowship for academic year 2016-2017, where do you plan to utilize the award?
   - At Harvard (specify which graduate school): ___________________________
   - Overseas (specify country and institution affiliation): ____________________

*If fall 2015 is the most recent term for which you were a registered student, this transcript will not be available by the January deadline. Please request an official copy of your transcript, which includes fall grades, and include a letter in your application explaining that a transcript will be forthcoming.
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Please provide a concise statement of purpose for use of the FLAS Fellowship, including the subject of your research or your area of professional study, the significance of language in your research/studies or, if you are currently studying a language, how you plan to use the language. **Note: The recommended length for the statement of purpose is one page double-spaced.** Dissertation research fellows should have a project description signed by their advisor.

OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Please list all other fellowships to which you are applying, as well as the status, if known, at the end of this statement.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters of recommendation may be submitted either with the application or directly to:

FLAS Coordinator  
1350 Massachusetts Avenue  
Suite 350  
Cambridge, MA 02138-3654

Letters of recommendation should address student’s academic abilities, academic research goals, and how the FLAS Fellowship will facilitate student’s goals.

Please list recommenders:

| Recommender #1 | Name: _________________________________ | Institution: ________________________________ |
| _________________________________ | | ________________________________ |

| Recommender #2 | Name: _________________________________ | Institution: ________________________________ |
| _________________________________ | | ________________________________ |

CAREER PLANS AFTER GRADUATION

Please check one of the following

- [ ] Elementary/Secondary Ed  
- [ ] Federal Government  
- [ ] Foreign Government  
- [ ] Higher Ed  
- [ ] Intn’l Organization in US  
- [ ] Intn’l Organization outside the US  
- [ ] Private Sector/Non-Profit  
- [ ] State/Local Government  
- [ ] US Military  
- [ ] Other ________________________________