The Graduate Foreign Languages and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship is a federal program that supports the study of modern languages and area studies courses. If you meet the eligibility criteria and wish to apply, please complete this form and return it with a statement of purpose, official transcripts of your complete academic record, and two letters of recommendation, one from a language instructor and one from an area studies instructor, by December 31, 2015. All awards are contingent upon the University receiving annual fellowship funding from the Department of Education. All FLAS nominees will be required to complete a 2016-2017 FAFSA (https://fafsa.ed.gov) prior to actual award decision.

For consideration in the FLAS competition all materials must be sent to the FLAS Coordinator, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 1350 Massachusetts Ave., 3rd Floor, Cambridge MA 02138, and should not be sent as part of the application for admission into Harvard University. Students will not be notified of incomplete applications. All materials must be in English.

I. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL APPLICANTS:

- Applicants must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- Be applying and ultimately admitted to full-time study in a Harvard graduate degree program in accordance with Harvard University’s requirements during the entire award period.
- Agree to be enrolled in one graded, FLAS approved, language course and one graded area studies course per term during the fellowship academic year.
- All non-GSAS applicants must notify their school’s Financial Aid Office that they have applied for a FLAS Fellowship at the time of application.
- 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.
- 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.
- All FLAS nominees will be required to complete a 2016-2017 FAFSA (https://fafsa.ed.gov) prior to actual award decision

II. LANGUAGES AVAILABLE FOR STUDY

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 incoming Harvard students is January 2, 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.
Please complete the application below and include a separate one page, double spaced, Statement of Purpose describing your research interests, and the significance that studying a foreign language will play in achieving your academic goals.

Name (Mr. / Ms.): _____________________________ Harvard ID#: ________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

Telephone: (day) _______________ (alternate) _______________ E-mail: ________________

U.S. Citizen: ____ Permanent Resident: ____ Alien Registration Number: ____________________________

Harvard Graduate School to which you are applying: ________________________________

GSAS Department to which you are applying: __________________ Degree: AM___PhD___Other______

Circle the World Area in which you intend to concentrate:

EAST EUROPE       AFRICA       MIDDLE EAST

Proposed Language of Study # Years of Study Undergraduate Graduate

Native Language, if other than English: ____________________

Note: Proposed language of study may not be your native language.

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 ______________________

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION INFORMATION
2016-2017 FLAS ACADEMIC YEAR FELLOWSHIPS

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 academic goals.

Please list recommenders:

Recommender #1  Name: ________________________________
                 Institution: ________________________________

Recommender #2  Name: ________________________________
                 Institution: ________________________________