GRADUATE FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIP (FLAS)

2016 SUMMER GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS – FACT SHEET

Please retain this fact sheet for future reference. **Do not** submit the fact sheet with your application. The Summer Graduate FLAS Fellowship Program is designed to provide merit-based awards to students undertaking advanced training in modern foreign languages. **Summer Graduate FLAS Fellowships are for intensive language study only.** All materials must be in English.

All awards are contingent upon the University receiving annual fellowship funding from the Department of Education. The deadline is January 15, 2016.

I. **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

To be eligible to apply for a FLAS fellowship, a student shall have to 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 a continuing student enrolled full time in a Harvard graduate degree program that requires further development of language proficiency;

c. Agree to pursue full-time formal intensive summer language study (minimum of 6 weeks 140 hours of language study). This grant is for language acquisition only, not research.

d. All non-GSAS applicants must notify their school’s Financial Aid Office that they have applied for a Graduate FLAS Fellowship.

II. **SUMMER GRADUATE FLAS FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

To be eligible to receive a summer graduate fellowship under the FLAS program, a student must meet the following additional requirements:

a. Be enrolled in a formal summer program that provides the equivalent of one academic year of advanced language training or;

b. Be enrolled in a formal summer program that will provide the equivalent of one academic year of beginning or intermediate language training, after having already mastered another language in the same World Area. Both languages must be a necessary and integral part of the student’s degree program. Students studying a second language at the beginning or intermediate level will have to submit a letter from their advisor verifying that the second language is necessary for the student’s degree program.

c. Summer FLAS Fellowships used overseas must be at the intermediate or advanced level and must be approved by the U.S. Department of Education. **Beginning level programs must be in the U.S. All programs are required to be at least six weeks in duration.** Beginning and intermediate level programs must provide a minimum of 140 hours of language instruction. Advanced level programs must provide a minimum of 120 hours of language instruction. Students must be able to supply either a website or brochure which indicates a start date, end date, and number of hours of language study for submission to the department of education. All programs must be graded.

d. All students applying for summer graduate fellowships are expected to apply for financial aid at the institutions they plan on attending as the FLAS Fellowship may not cover the total cost of a student’s summer program.

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](https://fafsa.ed.gov)) prior to actual award decision
III. 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:

Use online application at http://daviscenter.fas.harvard.edu/study/student-opportunities/flas-fellowships. The East Europe Summer FLAS deadline is February 12, 2015.

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

IV. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Summer graduate fellowships provide a grant of up to $5,000 to cover the actual tuition costs of the formal summer language program plus a stipend of $2,500. Please note that many summer language programs report the total program costs as “tuition.” This total must be broken down to determine the actual tuition and fees as separate from room, board, books, supplies, travel costs, processing fees, or additional language courses above the standard program. Because the stipend is a fixed amount, it is possible that a summer FLAS Fellowship will not cover the total cost of a student’s program. At the time of application, please submit a copy of the brochure or a web address detailing the summer program. The brochure or website should include the language of study, the program start and end dates, the number of language contact hours per week, the level of study, and the required tuition and fees. All submissions must be in English.

Students should request that their tuition bills be sent directly to the FLAS Coordinator, Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 1350 Massachusetts Ave, 3rd Floor, Cambridge, MA 02138. Tuitions are paid to the institution by paper check in USD only. Students may have to submit a deposit before the FLAS Fellowship is disbursed. If that deposit results in an overpayment once the FLAS Fellowship Coordinator pays the tuition, the summer program should reimburse the student. The FLAS Fellowship will not reimburse students for any money paid toward tuition.

V. APPLICATIONS

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.

Two letters of recommendation are required of all applicants; one from a language instructor and one from an area studies instructor.

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  SUMMER 2016  Continuing Graduate Students Only

Please read the Summer 2016 Graduate 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.

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

Name (Mr. / Ms.): __________________________________________  Harvard ID#: __________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________________
(Note: This will be the address to which notification will be sent in April 2016.)

Telephone: (day) ___________________  (alternate) ___________________  E-mail: ____________________
U.S. Citizen: ____  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. What one language will you be studying? (the Summer FLAS is for language study only) ____________________

3. Native Language, if other than English: __________________________

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

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5. Number of academic year FLAS Fellowships previously held: _____  Total semesters: _____
   Number of summer FLAS Fellowships previously held: _________  Total summers: _____

6. If you receive a Graduate Summer 2016 FLAS Fellowship, where do you plan to utilize the award?
   (Please include name and complete address of institution.)

   ______________________________________________________________________________________
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*It is understood that 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 your use of the Graduate FLAS Fellowship, including the subject of your research or your area of professional study and the significance of language in your research/studies. In addition, include the names of published articles and titles of research papers. **Note:** The recommended length for the statement of purpose is one page, double-spaced.

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
- [ ] Int’l Organization in US
- [ ] Int’l Organization outside the US
- [ ] Private Sector/Non-Profit
- [ ] State/Local Government
- [ ] US Military
- [ ] Other