



FLAS Award

The Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (also known as FLAS or Title VI) is an award for students concentrating in **modern** foreign language *and* a program that includes international or area studies. Academic-year (AY) fellowships are for nine months of study at the University of Chicago beginning in the Autumn Quarter. The award includes a stipend, payment of tuition, and required health clinic and student activity fees.

FLAS fellowships are contingent upon funding from the U.S. Department of Education; no awards are guaranteed until funding notification, expected in early to mid Spring. No dependency allowances are offered. *Note:* Students currently enrolled in University of Chicago master's or professional programs who are now applying to Ph.D. programs should complete the FLAS application for "New Students", not for "In-Residence Students".

Languages by Area

The US Department of Education has approved FLAS funded study of the following languages. However, if you are interested in studying another language, contact the appropriate Area Center as this list is not exclusive.

East Asia:	Chinese*, Japanese*, Korean
East Europe:	Armenian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (BCS), Czech, Kazakh, Polish, Russian*, Uzbek
Latin America:	Portuguese, Yucatec Maya
Middle East	Arabic**, Armenian, Hebrew**, Persian**, Turkish**, Uzbek
South Asia:	Bengali, Hindi, Malayalam, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu, Tibetan, Urdu

* *Must have successfully completed equivalent of 6 quarters/4 semesters of college-level instruction in this language.*

** *Must have successfully completed equivalent of 3 quarters/2 semesters of college-level instruction in this language.*

Eligibility Requirements

An applicant must:

- be a citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States;
- be enrolled at an institution receiving an allocation of FLAS fellowships;
- be not beyond the fourth year of graduate study in a department or professional school while holding the award;
- be in a program that combines modern foreign language training with area or international studies or research and training in the international aspects of professional and other fields of study;
- show high potential for academic achievement.

A fellow must:

- register for a course in the language of the award each quarter and earn a grade of B or better;
- combine language study with area or international studies, or the international aspects of professional studies;
- complete an online Performance Report by June 1, 2010 as required by the U.S. Department of Education;
- be subject to University regulations concerning part-time employment, contingent on approval from his/her Dean of Students.

Application Submission (all materials to Dean of Students by indicated deadline; see contact information on p. 5)

An applicant must submit to Dean of Students:

1. University of Chicago Application for Admission and Aid (including transcripts and Letters of Recommendation by **December 15, 2008**;
2. a) FLAS Application Form and b) FLAS Statement of Purpose (attached) by **January 16, 2009**;
3. Language Recommendation (attached) if applicable; NOTE: If one of your letters of recommendation for admission is from your language instructor, that letter will be sufficient and you need not include another; if not, submit a language recommendation as well as the letter by **January 16, 2009**.

Questions?

Contact the appropriate Area Center, Dean of Students Office, or the Office of Graduate Affairs. See p. 5 of attached application.

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Application Form

*Submit all materials to your Dean of Students Office by **January 16, 2009.***

I. Applicant Information

Name:		
Department/School to which you are applying:		
Address (as of April 1, 2009):		
City:	State:	Zip:
E-mail address:	Phone number:	
Citizenship: <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. National <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Permanent Resident/Resident Alien		

II. Language Information

World Area: <input type="checkbox"/> East Asia <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East <input type="checkbox"/> East Europe <input type="checkbox"/> South Asia <input type="checkbox"/> Latin America	Language to be studied: <hr/> Native Language:	Current level of language: <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
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How many years have you studied this and other languages and when was the study undertaken?

Language:	High School: _____ yrs.	Undergrad: _____ yrs.	Grad: _____ yrs.
	Other (specify): _____ yrs.		
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	Other (specify): _____ yrs.		

III. Statement of Purpose

On the reverse or an additional page, outline your study plans and explain how receiving a FLAS will aid you in reaching your program and/or career goals in 1-2 typewritten pages.

IV. Career Objective Survey (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> K-12 teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> College teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. government service
<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-governmental organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

V. Recommenders' Information

Language recommender:	Dept:
Academic recommender:	Dept:

I certify that this information is true, complete, and given in good faith. I understand that if I receive the FLAS, I must submit a performance report to the U.S. Department of Education by June 1, 2010.

Signature:	Date:
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Statement of Purpose

In 1-2 typewritten pages, provide a statement of purpose which outlines your study plans and explains how the FLAS Fellowship will aid you in reaching your program and/or career goals.

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Language Recommendation

Note: Disregard this form if your admissions letter of recommendation is from a language instructor.

To be completed by STUDENT: Complete the following information, then give to your recommender who should submit the finished form and letter to you—signed and sealed—for inclusion with your FLAS application.

Name:	World Area:
Department/School to which you are applying:	<input type="checkbox"/> East Asia <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East <input type="checkbox"/> East Europe <input type="checkbox"/> South Asia <input type="checkbox"/> Latin America
Language to be studied:	
Dean of Students: <input type="checkbox"/> BSD <input type="checkbox"/> PSD <input type="checkbox"/> SSD <input type="checkbox"/> Hum <input type="checkbox"/> Div School <input type="checkbox"/> PP <input type="checkbox"/> SSA	

To be completed by RECOMMENDER: Complete sections I, III, and—if possible—II. Return the form and letter to the applicant in a signed and sealed envelope in time for the applicant to meet the FLAS application deadline, **January 16, 2009**.

I. Linguistic Competence

a) How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

b) Please rate the applicant's language skills and abilities (numbers refer to percentile rankings).

	<i>Below Average (0-40)</i>	<i>Average (40-60)</i>	<i>Above Average (60-80)</i>	<i>Exceptional (80-100)</i>	<i>No opportunity to observe</i>
Comprehension					
Speaking					
Reading					
Writing					
Summary rating					

II. Disciplinary Competence (*Disregard if you cannot comment on applicant's disciplinary abilities*)

Please rate the applicant in comparison with other students at the same stage in their academic programs (numbers refer to percentile rankings).

	<i>Below Average (0-40)</i>	<i>Average (40-60)</i>	<i>Above Average (60-80)</i>	<i>Exceptional (80-100)</i>	<i>No opportunity to observe</i>
General knowledge					
Knowledge of field					
Critical ability					
Writing ability					
Motivation					
Academic potential					

III. Additional Comments

Comment on the applicant's language ability, academic work, and academic potential. Use reverse side or attach a letter.

Recommender's name:	Signature:
Position or title:	
Department and address:	

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Please comment on the applicant's language ability and—if possible—academic work, and then submit this form to the applicant in time to meet the FLAS application deadline, **January 16, 2009**.

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