FLAS FELLOWSHIPS
FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS
FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES (FLAS) FELLOWSHIPS ARE ...

- For graduate and undergraduate students
- For academic year and summer study
- Funded by the US Department of Education’s Title VI Program
- Offered through University of Illinois Area Studies Centers

THESE FELLOWSHIPS SUPPORT STUDY IN MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES IN COMBINATION WITH AREA STUDIES, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, OR INTERNATIONAL OR AREA ASPECTS OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES.
ELIGIBILITY

• During time of application, you must be:
  – Citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the United States
  – Show potential for high academic achievement based on such indices as grade point average, class ranking, or similar measures
  – Undergraduates must have a minimum GPA of 3.0
  – Be enrolled or plan to enroll in a program that combines modern foreign language training with area or international studies or in research and training in the international aspects of professional and other fields of study
SUMMER LANGUAGES

Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies (CEAPS): Chinese, Japanese, Korean

Center for Global Studies (CGS): Arabic, Bosnian, Chinese-Mandarin, Croatian, Czech, Hebrew-Modern, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese (Brazilian), Russian, Serbian, Swahili, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian

European Union Center (EUC): Arabic, Bosnian-Serbian-Croatian, Bulgarian, Catalan, Czech, French, German, Greek (modern), Hebrew (modern), Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish or Ukrainian. Priority will be given to less-commonly-taught languages (languages other than French, German, Spanish) and higher-level language study.

Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center (REEEC): Bosnian-Serbian-Croatian, Bulgarian, Czech, Georgian, Polish, Russian, Turkish, Ukrainian, or Yiddish. Please feel free to inquire about applying for other languages of the region.

Languages offered: http://publish.illinois.edu/illinoisflas/languages/
SUMMER 2022 FELLOWSHIPS

• During your summer program, you must be enrolled in the equivalent of a full year of formal language study

• You must be in intermediate or advanced study of a less commonly taught language
  
  – “An exception might be made for the beginning level of a less commonly taught language if a graduate student has achieved advanced proficiency in another language of the world area of specialization, and if learning a second language of that world area is required for the student’s overall training and expertise.”

• Can study on campus, abroad*, or away* - must identify a program in application. Programs abroad must be approved by the US Department of Education.

• Up to $5,000 towards tuition and fees

• $2,500 stipend

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The University is operating on the assumption that Summer Abroad programs will run, but this may be subject to change.

If study abroad is your goal,

- A) Identify a program abroad that plans on running,
- B) And identify an online program and apply as early as possible

- Keep in mind deadlines and payment due dates
- Consider a Virtual Global Experience through LAS or IAGE

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- EUC – European Union Center
- REEEC – Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center
• **Illinois for Illinois (I4I) + Illinois International Programs scholarships**
  Awards range from $1,000 to $6,000
  Deadlines: Sept. 15 and Feb. 15

• **LAS Abroad scholarships (for LAS students only)**
  Award amounts vary based on cost and length of program
  Deadlines: Sept. 15 and Feb. 15

• Additional study abroad scholarship resources:
  • [Education Abroad Scholarships page](#)
  • [Illinois National and International Scholarships Program](#)
  • [IIE Grants](#)
  • [Diversity Abroad Scholarships](#)

**ADDITIONAL FELLOWSHIPS**

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDY ABROAD**

Most programs through the University of Illinois and major providers exceed the costs of the FLAS summer fellowship.

Deadlines for tuition may fall prior to a FLAS disbursement.
ACADEMIC YEAR LANGUAGES

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- **Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies (CLACS):** Quechua and Portuguese – contact Kasia Szremski szremski@illinois.edu
- **Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (CSAMES):** Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Hebrew – contact Angela Williams aswillms@illinois.edu
- **European Union Center (EUC):** Arabic, Bosnian-Serbian-Croatian, Bulgarian, Catalan, Czech, French, German, Greek (modern), Hebrew (modern), Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish or Ukrainian. *Priority will be given to less-commonly-taught languages (languages other than French, German, Spanish) and higher-level language study.*
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- **Women & Gender in Global Perspectives (WGGP):** Arabic, Hindi, Quechua, Persian, Portuguese, Swahili, Wolof, Zulu – contact Anita Kaiser arkaiser@illinois.edu

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ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-23 FELLOWSHIPS

- Must be enrolled as a full-time student
- Must be enrolled for graded credit in formal language instruction in the language of the award, as well as in an international area studies course
- You must be in intermediate or advanced study of a less commonly taught language (same exception as Summer)
- Can study on campus or abroad* - must identify a program in application. Programs abroad must be approved by US Department of Education.
- Graduate Students
  - Up to $18,000 in tuition and fees ($9,000 per semester); or a tuition waiver, if your department allows
  - $20,000 stipend ($10,000 per semester)
- Undergraduate Students
  - Up to $10,000 in tuition and fees ($5,000 per semester)
  - $5,000 stipend ($2,500 per semester)

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2022-2023 Academic Year Fellowships are contingent upon the results of the 2022-26 national FLAS Competition and allocation from the Department of Education. US ED hopes to notify applicants of the results by June 2022, but this date is contingent.
OTHER REQUIREMENTS

• Complete an online periodic evaluation of the program the semester after your award and later as an alum of the program
• Expected to complete biennial questionnaire for eight years after graduation
• Each Center may have their own requirements

MORE INFORMATION

• UIUC FLAS Website: http://publish.illinois.edu/illinoisflas/
• US Department of Education Website: https://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsflasf/index.html
APPLICATION

• Dates:
  – Application due Friday, January 28, 2022, 11:59 CST
  – Letters of Rec due Friday, February 4, 2022, 11:59 CST
  – Read the instructions: 
    http://publish.illinois.edu/illinoisflas/application/
  – Contact your letter writers at least 1 month in advance and email
    them the submission information (copy & paste from the
    instructions)

• Graduate Application:
  – Through SLATE

• Undergraduate Application:
  – Through Webtools
APPLICATION

• Tips:
  – Talk to a FLAS coordinator about your plan
  – Purpose of the FLAS is to train U.S. citizens in advanced LCTL languages to create experts (national capacity, economy, (and maybe public good)). Your SOP should:
    • Be specific to FLAS and your language study plan
    • Address what studying this language will get you in terms of academic and professional goals? Think beyond your department.
  – Talk with your recommenders about FLAS, your goals, and your strengths
  – Edit!
    • Attend a Grad College, OUR, or other grant writing workshop!
    • Have someone read your SOP for clarity
QUESTIONS?