Foreign Languages & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships
Summer 2020 & Academic Year 2020-2021

The Atlanta Global Studies Center (AGSC), a consortium of Georgia Tech and Georgia State University is pleased to announce the competition for 2020-2021 FLAS Fellowships. The FLAS fellowships assist undergraduate and graduate students in achieving competency in selected foreign languages in combination with international and area studies coursework. The FLAS Fellowships are available for the less commonly taught languages of Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Persian/Farsi, Portuguese, Russian, and Swahili. Funding for French, German, and Spanish languages may be available ONLY for GRADUATE students at an advanced-level. French, German and Spanish are NOT eligible languages for UNDERGRADUATE students. FLAS fellowships can be used to study abroad or on campus. Students can apply for both Summer and Academic Year fellowships, which are evaluated separately so there is no disadvantage to applying to both. To apply, please read and follow the instructions below carefully.

Application Deadline:
January 3, 2020 | 11:59 pm EST

Application Eligibility:

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Application submitted to, enrollment in, or acceptance for enrollment in a Georgia Tech or Georgia State degree program
- Undergraduates must pursue study of a language at the intermediate (2nd year) level or beyond and can only apply to study less commonly taught languages of Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Persian/Farsi, Portuguese, Russian, and Swahili. French, German and Spanish are NOT eligible languages for undergraduates.
- Graduate students may pursue language study at the introductory level ONLY IF they already have advanced-level proficiency in another language related to their area of study or research and studying a second language is relevant to the student’s studies and potential future career. This should be explained clearly in the statement of purpose. Graduate students are also eligible to apply to study advanced-level French, German or Spanish but preference will be given for intermediate or advanced-level study in less commonly taught languages of Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Persian/Farsi, Portuguese, Russian, and Swahili.

Summer 2020 FLAS Fellowships

Undergraduates and graduates: living stipend of $2,500 and up to $5,000 for Georgia Tech/Georgia State tuition and fees and for the language program.

Summer fellowships are intended for intensive language study domestically or abroad. Intensive language study is defined as a program that offers at least 6 weeks of language instruction with 140 contact hours at the beginning (graduate students only) or intermediate levels or 120 contact hours at the advanced level.

The AGSC encourages applications to Georgia Tech's School of Modern Languages' study-abroad programs (modlangs.gatech.edu/study-abroad) or eligible GSU's Study Abroad programs (https://mystudyabroad.gsu.edu).
Academic Year 2020–2021 FLAS Fellowships

Undergraduates: living stipend of $5,000, up to $10,000 towards tuition and mandatory fees, and out-of-state students receive an out-of-state tuition waiver at Georgia Tech.

Graduates: living stipend of $15,000, up to $18,000 towards tuition and mandatory fees, and out-of-state students receive an out-of-state tuition waiver at Georgia Tech.

*Academic year fellows are required to take one language course and one global/area studies course each semester. Only full year (9-month) fellowships are available. Academic year fellowships are intended for on-campus study.

Information Sessions:

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Application Process & Checklist

We recommend preparing your responses and gathering your documents in advance and completing your online application in one sitting. If you have all of the materials, the online application will take about 20 minutes.

- You may begin your application and continue it at a later time **IF** you use the same computer and browser. Do not clear your browser history. Just click on the application link from the same computer to continue your application where you left off.

You may apply for BOTH a Summer Fellowship AND an Academic Year Fellowship in the same application. Please submit ONLY ONE application.

The final **deadline** for submission is **11:59 pm EST on January 3, 2020**.

- Complete the application form. Incomplete applications will not be considered. [2020-2021 FLAS Fellowship Application](#)
- If you are applying for a Summer Fellowship, you need the program information (name, length, hours of instruction, and website address) of the summer program you propose to attend. This is for planning purposes only. You may choose a different program at a later time if needed.
- If you are applying for an Academic Year Fellowship, you need to provide the name and course number of the global/area studies course you propose to take in Fall 2020.
- Statement of purpose (limit to 4000 characters, or about 500 words) explaining how this fellowship will help you further your academic and professional goals
- Academic transcript(s) (unofficial is okay) in pdf format
- Resume in pdf format
- Incoming graduate student applicants must apply for admission to an academic department in addition to the FLAS Fellowship.
- Names and email addresses for three references
Letters of Recommendation

Three letters of recommendation are required in order for your application to be considered. Your recommendation letters will be uploaded separately by your references. Please contact your references early to avoid missing the deadline.

When your contacts have agreed to write you a recommendation letter, please provide them with the instructions below. It is your responsibility to contact your references, provide them with the instructions, follow up with them, and make sure that they submit your recommendation letters by the deadline.

Instructions for Letters of Recommendation:
The FLAS Fellowship recommendation letter should be 1-2 pages in length and should be written by a teacher, advisor, or employer who can comment on the applicant's academic potential. One letter should come from a language instructor. The others do not need to directly comment on the applicant's language skills. Rather, they should be broad evaluations of the applicant's academic performance, motivation, potential, and interest in foreign language and global studies. All recommendation letters must be submitted using the FLAS Recommendation Letters Link https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/9cb36bd3e1d4c8083f836e58f313bb2 by 11:59 p.m. EST on January 3, 2020.

Selection Criteria

We seek candidates who give promise of becoming leaders in their field of study and professional work. Applicable measures include the applicant's academic record, extra-disciplinary and professional activities, and supportive materials, including letters of recommendation from close observers of the applicant’s achievements.

Your statement of purpose should clearly indicate how the FLAS fellowship will advance both the professional career and potential for leadership within your field of specialization or in the performance of public service.

In ranking candidates with similar credentials, the selection committee will give priority to undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate financial need as indicated by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To be considered under the category of demonstrated financial need, students are required to complete and submit the FAFSA form to the Student Aid Office by the FLAS deadline.

The FLAS Fellowship program is authorized under Title VI of the Higher Education Act and is administered by the U.S. Department of Education.