



# Atlanta Global Studies Center



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## Foreign Languages & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships Summer 2021 & Academic Year 2021-2022 Instructions for Georgia State University Students

The Atlanta Global Studies Center (AGSC), a consortium of Georgia Tech and Georgia State University, is pleased to announce the competition for 2021-2022 FLAS Fellowships. FLAS Fellowships assist undergraduate and graduate students in achieving competency in selected foreign languages in combination with international and area studies coursework. 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 advanced 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 (Academic Year). To apply, please follow the instructions carefully.

**Georgia State University Application Deadline:**  
January 15, 2021 (11:59 p.m. EST)

### **Eligibility**

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- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Application submitted to, enrollment in, or acceptance for enrollment in a Georgia Tech or Georgia State degree program with study of a modern foreign language and global, international, or area studies, or international aspects of professional or other fields of study.
- 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. Graduate students are eligible to apply to study 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 2021 FLAS Fellowships**

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Undergraduates and graduates receive a living stipend of \$2,500 and up to \$5,000 for the study abroad program. Summer fellowships are intended for intensive language study in the U.S. 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) and intermediate levels or 120 contact hours at the advanced level.

AGSC encourages applications to Georgia Tech's School of Modern Languages' study-abroad programs ([modlangs.gatech.edu/study-abroad](http://modlangs.gatech.edu/study-abroad)) or a GSU Study Abroad program (<https://mystudyabroad.gsu.edu>).

## **Academic Year 2021-22 FLAS Fellowships**

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

Graduates receive a living stipend of \$15,00 and up to \$18,000 towards tuition and mandatory fees. 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, but study abroad and exchange programs will be considered.

## **Application Process & Checklist**

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*Prepare your responses and gather documents in advance. It is best to complete your online application in one sitting. If you have all of the materials, the online application will take about 20 minutes.*

NOTE: 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.

- Complete the [online application form](#) by the deadline listed above. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- If you are applying for a Summer FLAS 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 or area studies course you propose to take in Fall 2021.
- Statement of purpose (limit to 4000 characters, or about 500 words) explaining how this fellowship will help you further your academic and professional goals. Study abroad applicants will be asked how the study abroad experience fits into their academic or career goals.
- Academic transcript(s) (unofficial is okay) in pdf format
- Resume in pdf format
- Applicants who plan to begin a graduate program in Fall 2021 must apply for admission to a graduate program in an academic department before submitting the application for a FLAS Fellowship. On your FLAS application, you will be asked to input the name of the program, the date of your graduate school application, and the expected date of acceptance.
- Names and email addresses for at least one and up to three references

## **Letters of Recommendation**

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**At least one letter of recommendation** is required in order for your application to be considered. Up to three letters will be accepted. Your recommendation letter(s) will be uploaded separately by your referee (the person who is writing the letter). Please contact your referee early to avoid missing the deadline.

When someone has agreed to write you a recommendation letter, please provide him/her with the instructions below. It is your responsibility to contact your referee(s), provide instructions, follow up, and make sure that your recommendation letter is submitted by the deadline. You will receive an email confirmation when a letter is submitted.

### **Instructions for Writing and Submitting 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. **The first letter should come from a language instructor.** The other optional letters 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 letters must be submitted using the [submission link](#) by 11:59 p.m. EST on **January 15, 2021**.

## **Selection Criteria**

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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 your 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 preference 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.

## **Virtual Information Sessions for Georgia State University students**

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Registration required. Click dates to register.

- Open to all (undergraduates and graduates): [October 2, 2020](#), 2 p.m.
- For graduate students: [October 16, 2020](#), 11 a.m.
- Open to all, especially students considering study abroad programs: [October 27, 2020](#), 4 p.m.

If you are interested in scheduling an information session for your department or program, please contact Diana Wrenn Rapp at [dwrenn1@gsu.edu](mailto:dwrenn1@gsu.edu).

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