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Foreign Languages & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships | Summer 2021 & Academic Year 2021-2022

[ONLINE FLAS APPLICATION FORM](#) | **Application Deadline: February 15, 2021 | 11:59 pm EST**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CURRENT & PROSPECTIVE GEORGIA TECH 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. 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 (LCTLs) of **Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, 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.

Application Eligibility:

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Application submitted to, enrollment in, or acceptance for enrollment in a Georgia Tech degree program
- **Undergraduates** must pursue study of a language at the intermediate (2nd year) level or beyond and can only apply to study LCTLs of Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, 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 LCTLs.

Summer 2021 FLAS Fellowships

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

Summer fellowships are intended for intensive language study domestically or abroad, 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)

Academic Year 2021–2022 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 and one global/area studies course each semester; to be enrolled full-time (12 hrs./semester) during the fellowship period; to make satisfactory progress in their coursework; and to maintain good standing with the university. Only full year (9-month) fellowships are available. Academic year fellowships are intended for on-campus study, but study abroad programs will be considered.

Virtual Information Sessions for Current and Prospective Georgia Tech Students:

Open to all, no registration required

Nov 30, 2020, 12 – 1 PM | <https://bluejeans.com/277230819>

Dec 9, 2020, 1 – 2 PM <https://bluejeans.com/370140787>

Jan 19, 2021, 11 AM – 12 PM | <https://bluejeans.com/786803515>

To schedule an **information session for your School**, contact Sebnem Ozkan at sebnem.ozkan@gatech.edu

Application Process & Checklist

- 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.*
- You may apply for BOTH a Summer Fellowship AND an Academic Year Fellowship in the same application. Please submit ONLY ONE application.
- 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 FLAS 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.
- Statement of purpose (limit to 4000 characters, or about 500 words) explaining how this fellowship will help you further your academic and professional goals.
- Undergraduate and graduate 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 at Georgia Tech 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 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 referees (the persons who are writing the letter). Please contact your referees early to avoid missing the deadline.

When someone has agreed to write you a recommendation letter, please provide them 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.

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. 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 letters must be submitted using the [FLAS Recommendation Letter Submission link](#) by 11:59 p.m. EST on **February 15, 2021**.

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 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.

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