South Asia Center
Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs
Syracuse University

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS)
Academic Year Fellowship
2020-2021 Guidelines

Application Deadline:
Monday, February 10, 2020
Applications accepted while awards remain or until April 10, 2020 at 11:59pm EST

The South Asia Center requests applications from qualified undergraduates and graduate students for Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) 2020-2021 Academic Year Fellowships. FLAS awards are funded by the US Department of Education and administered by Syracuse University’s South Asia Center. FLAS fellowships provide up to 24 credits and a stipend of $15,000 for qualifying graduate students or up to $10,000 tuition and $5,000 stipend for qualifying undergraduate students committed to the intensive study of South Asia and a qualifying South Asian language.

In order to receive the Fellowship, students must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Be enrolled full-time in a program of study at Syracuse University and that program of study must include intensive foreign language and area studies coursework OR dissertation work that is enhanced by foreign language training.
- Be in residence on campus in Syracuse for each semester of the Fellowship
- Students pursuing PhDs must have at least intermediate proficiency in the qualifying language.
- Take the appropriate Hindi-Urdu course each semester of the Fellowship
- Take an additional South Asia-related course, approved by the Director of the South Asia Center, each semester of the Fellowship.
- Applications from professional graduate students who propose to take language courses at the introductory level will be subject to review and approval by the U.S. Department of Education on a case-by-case basis.

All fellowships awarded are contingent on continued funding by the US Department of Education's Foreign Language and Area Studies grant.

The online application consists of a number of questions about your academic status and contact information as well as preliminary information about your project.

Application link: SAC FLAS AY 2020-21
THESE ITEMS ARE REQUIRED FOR PROCESSING YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Completed on-line application form including a one-page Statement of Purpose in PDF format describing how FLAS training fits into your academic program and your career plans.

2. Updated, official S.U. transcript only if you are a continuing undergraduate or graduate student, submitted to Amy Marsden, FLAS Coordinator, in 346 Eggers Hall by April 10, 2020 at 11:59 pm EST. For priority consideration, please submit by Monday, February 10, 2020 but applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis until April 10, 2020 at 11:59 pm EST.

New, incoming graduate students do not submit a transcript.

Note: Syracuse University official transcripts may be requested and submitted to Amy Marsden, the FLAS Coordinator (ammarsde@maxwell.syr.edu), via secure email through your MySlice portal, Student Services tab.

3. A completed FAFSA form (link: Free Application for Federal Student Aid Application) must be submitted by April 10, 2020. This is required of both graduate and undergraduate applicants. You will be asked to submit your EFC number when you complete the application. The committee will consider financial need as well as academic merit when making funding decisions.

4. Letters of recommendation:

For undergraduate applicants, two (2) letters of recommendation; one from a language instructor with an appraisal of your language ability and one from a faculty member who can speak to your academic preparation, from an institutional email address directly to Amy Marsden (ammarsde@maxwell.syr.edu) by April 10, 2020 at 11:59 pm EST. For priority consideration, please submit by Monday, February 10, 2020 but applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis until April 10, 2020 at 11:59 pm EST.

For continuing graduate students, one (1) letter of recommendation from your graduate advisor or thesis dissertation supervisor, or from a faculty member who knows your work well, emailed from an institutional email address directly to Amy Marsden (ammarsde@maxwell.syr.edu) by April 10, 2020 at 11:59 pm EST. For priority consideration, please submit by Monday, February 10, 2020 but applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis until April 10, 2020 at 11:59 pm EST.

If you are a new, incoming graduate student, you do not need to provide a letter of recommendation. We will consider your submitted FLAS application as permission to obtain your graduate application packet from your academic department/program. This packet contains the letter of recommendation you provided for admission to your academic program. That is an acceptable recommendation for your FLAS application.
PLEASE KEEP IN MIND:

1. Only US citizens and permanent residents who are full time undergraduate or graduate students who have completed at least a year of college-level coursework in the language of study are eligible. If you receive the fellowship, you will need to present a proof of US citizenship or permanent residence status (US passport, Permanent Residence card, or a US birth certificate) to the Associate Director of the South Asia Center as soon as possible.

2. References from recommenders must be emailed from an institutional email address (not a yahoo, hotmail, or google email address). The recommender whose email address you include on the application form will receive a system-generated request for a recommendation letter. It is entirely your responsibility to make sure that the recommender provides us with a letter of recommendation for you on time by April 10, 2020 at 11:59 pm EST. For priority consideration, please submit by Monday, February 10, 2020 but applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis until April 10, 2020 at 11:59 pm EST.

Recommendations should be emailed directly to Amy Marsden ammarsde@maxwell.syr.edu

3. If you are a continuing undergraduate or graduate student, you need to provide us with an updated, official transcript. Incoming graduate students do not need to do that as your submitted FLAS application will be deemed permission to obtain the transcript you provided with your graduate application.

4. Lastly, if you are selected to receive the fellowship, please keep in mind and mark in your calendar that at the end of your coursework you must submit an online report to the Department of Education. It is crucial that you complete the report by May 20, 2020. The U.S. Department of Education will email you the link.