Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer (FLAS) Fellowship

Guidelines for FLAS Summer 2020

Application Deadline: Monday, February 10, 2020 at 11:59 pm EST

The South Asia Center requests applications from qualified undergraduates and graduate students for Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer 2020 fellowships. FLAS awards are funded by the US Department of Education and administered by the Syracuse University South Asia Center. The FLAS Summer 2020 program provides for tuition up to $5,000 and a stipend of $2,500 for intensive (6 or 8 weeks) study in the United States or abroad at the intermediate or advanced level in any South Asian language at approved South Asian language programs.

In addition to applying for FLAS Summer, students must also apply for an approved language program:

- the American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) Summer Language Program (American Institute of Indian Studies Summer Language Program Link) for study in India due December 31, 2019 and/or
- the South Asian Studies Language Institute (SASLI), held at the University of Wisconsin (South Asian Studies Language Institute Link) due April 1, 2020.

Eligibility is restricted to undergraduate and graduate students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents AND enrolled full-time in a program of study at Syracuse University’s main campus. Undergraduate students and graduate students pursuing PhDs must have at least intermediate proficiency in the qualifying language. 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 Summer 2020
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 **no later than Monday, February 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 February 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. If you submitted a FAFSA for the 2020-21 Academic Year, you do not need to resubmit, but you do need to provide EFC number.

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 **Monday, February 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 **Monday, February 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. Online applications must be submitted by deadline date: Monday, February 10, 2020 at 11:59 pm. EST. Letters of reference must reach us via email by Monday, February 10, 2020 at 11:59 pm EST. No extensions will be granted.

3. 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 Monday, February 10, 2020 at 11:59 pm EST). No extensions will be granted. Recommendations should be emailed directly to Amy Marsden ammarsde@maxwell.syr.edu.

4. 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 as permission to obtain the transcript you provided with your graduate application.

5. Lastly, if you are selected to receive the fellowship; please keep in mind and mark in your calendar that at the end of your FLAS Summer coursework you must submit an online report to the Department of Education. It is crucial that you complete the report, by September 1, 2020. The U.S. Department of Education will email you the link.