

FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS (FLAS)
at Yale University
Summer 2009

The Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale invites applications to the summer 2009 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS) for modern language study. The FLAS fellowships are funded under Title VI grants from the U.S. Department of Education. The goal of the FLAS fellowships is to enhance the international expertise of U.S. nationals. Summer FLAS fellowships are for Yale graduate and professional schools students whose academic programs include the study of a foreign language designated as high priority by the Department of Education and whose career plans include teaching, public service or business.

Current graduate or professional school students who will be continuing their studies at Yale in AY 2009-2010 may apply. Students admitted for study at Yale beginning Fall 2009 are also eligible to apply or be nominated by their admissions committee chairperson. Students from other universities may also apply for summer fellowships for language study at a FLAS granting institution's programs.

The summer FLAS fellowship provides payment of program tuition up to \$4,000 plus a \$2,500 stipend. Yale students may apply the award to recognized intensive programs at other selected U.S. universities, as well as for Yale summer intensive language programs and programs overseas. Please note that all overseas programs must be approved by the US Department of Education before the award is made final.

2009 summer FLAS awards are available from grants submitted by the Council on African Studies, European Studies, Latin American and Middle East Studies. **Separate applications must be made for each area of concentration.**

For African Studies students must demonstrate research and/or professional interest in African studies and in a particular area of African study. Priority is given to intermediate and advanced year language study, but entry level will be considered. Eligible languages include: **Arabic, Swahili, Yoruba, Zulu.**

For European Studies students must demonstrate interest and/or experience in European Studies. Applications should be for intermediate or advanced language study. Applications will not be considered if the student already has advanced language competence in the language to be studied. Eligible languages include: **French, Italian, German, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish.**

For Latin American Studies students must demonstrate research and/or professional interest in Latin American Studies. Applications will not be considered if the student already has advanced language competence in the language to be studied. Eligible languages include: **Nahuatl (all levels), Portuguese (intermediate/advanced), Spanish (advanced only).**

For Middle East Studies students must demonstrate research and professional interest in fields related to Middle East Studies. Students seeking intermediate or advanced level training, and those demonstrating considerable prior study of the region, will receive priority. Eligible languages include: **Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, Turkish.**

Language study must bear a clear relationship to the applicant's overall course of study, must continue throughout the duration of the fellowship, and must clearly relate to the area of concentration of the award. **Summer awards must be used for a formal, intensive language course that provides the equivalent of an academic year's training; at least 140 credit or contact hours for beginning courses, or 120 hours for intermediate and advanced courses. All courses MUST last a minimum of 6 weeks. All FLAS awardees must be fully funded. If the tuition at your chosen language program exceeds \$4,000, you must receive additional funding to fill the gap or you should select an alternative language program that does not exceed \$4,000.**

Highest priority will be for study at the advanced levels of the eligible languages and for students pursuing master's degrees who may be more likely to pursue government service. With the exception of summer African languages and Nahuatl, elementary level study will have low priority, but may be considered if it is a second correlative language after achieving proficiency in a first research language. With the exception of beginning language study not offered in the US, all overseas programs of study must be at the intermediate or advanced level of language proficiency and must be approved by the United States Department of Education.

Students who intend to use Summer FLAS awards at Yale must apply for admission separately through Yale Summer and Special Programs, see <http://www.yale.edu/summer/>. It is strongly recommended that all FLAS candidates apply for

Financial Aid from the summer language program they plan to attend. Those deadlines do not necessarily coincide with Yale's FLAS schedule.

Women, members of ethnic/racial minority groups, and persons who have disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Special note to successful candidates:

The U.S. Department of Education specifically requires that FLAS fellowship recipients complete a performance report upon fulfillment of the academic year or summer session of the FLAS award. The reporting is completed using an online system called IRIS. The system will automatically notify you at the end of the course with instructions for completing the report. It is the responsibility of each FLAS fellowship recipient to complete this report in a timely manner. Future funding for FLAS awards depends on current award winners completing their performance report to comply with the Department of Education's grant requirements and schedules.

Recipients may also be required to submit a brief final report of their fellowship to the MacMillan Center.