

FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS (FLAS)
at Yale University
Summer 2018

The Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale invites applications to the summer 2015 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 **undergraduate, graduate and professional school** students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, whose academic programs include the study of a foreign language designated as high priority by the U.S. Department of Education and whose career plans include teaching, public service or business.

Current students who will be continuing their studies at Yale in AY 2018-2019 may apply. Students admitted for study at Yale beginning Fall 2018 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 \$5,000 and a stipend of \$2,500. Yale students may apply the award to recognized intensive programs at other selected universities within or outside the U.S., as well as to Yale summer intensive language programs and other programs overseas.

2018 summer FLAS awards are available from grants submitted by the Councils on African Studies, European Studies, 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 the field of African Studies. Priority is given to intermediate and advanced year language study, but entry level awards to graduate students may be considered. Eligible languages include: **Arabic, Swahili, Yoruba, Wolof and Zulu.** Other African languages may be considered with appropriate approval and documentation. For more information please contact norah.langat@yale.edu

For European Studies students must demonstrate interest and/or experience in European Studies. Priority is given to intermediate and advanced year language study, but entry level awards to graduate students may be considered. Preference will be given to those students who have the most significant demonstrated financial need, as indicated by the student's EFC (based on the FAFSA). All undergraduates must self-report their EFC in their applications; graduate students who wish to be considered for preference based on their financial need must also submit their self-reported EFC in applications.

Eligible languages include: **Czech, Dutch, French (Graduate student only), German (Graduate only), Modern Greek, Polish, Portuguese, Italian, Russian, Hungarian, Romanian, Serbo-Croatian, Ukrainian, and Spanish (Graduate only).** For more information please contact marianne.lyden@yale.edu

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, and Turkish**. For more information please contact cmes@yale.edu

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 and intermediate courses, or 120 hours for advanced courses. All courses MUST last a minimum of 6 weeks.**

In order to be eligible for FLAS fellowship, students who apply must be willing to comply with the U.S. Department of Education requirements including completing a USDE survey about their career tracks every other year for a period of eight years Therefore, FLAS fellows must inform the MacMillan Center immediately whenever changes occur in their e-mail addresses.

Undergraduate students may apply for language study at the intermediate or advanced level only. 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. Even though elementary level study will have low priority, graduate students may apply for elementary level study of African or European languages, if it is a second correlative language after achieving proficiency in a first research language as required by the student's degree program. **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 U.S. Department of Education.** Awards are not considered final until this approval is received. The MacMillan Center will initiate the overseas program approval process after notifying winning candidates. If the U.S. Department of Education does not approve a chosen program, students may be asked to choose an alternate one.

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. FLAS recipients must also complete language faculty **pre and post language evaluations**. 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 ON TIME. **Recipients will also be expected to participate in a biennial survey for eight years after graduating.** Future funding for FLAS awards depends on award winners completing their performance report and survey to comply with the Department of Education's grant requirements and schedules.

Yale Students must apply through the Student Grants and Fellowships database (<http://studentgrants.yale.edu>)

The deadline is February 28, 2018.