

The Pennsylvania State University

The Center for Global Studies

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships for Graduate Students

Summer 2026

The Center for Global Studies is pleased to announce the competition for FLAS Fellowships for the Pennsylvania State University. FLAS Fellowships are authorized under Title VI of the Higher Education Act and are administered by the U.S. Department of Education.

FLAS Fellowships assist undergraduate and graduate students in achieving competency in select foreign languages and to conduct research in related international and area studies. Languages eligible for FLAS Fellowships are **Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Russian.**

The summer FLAS Fellowships consist of an institutional payment of up to \$5,000 (this amount provides funds for the recipient's tuition and fees) and a subsistence allowance of \$3,500. Graduate awardees must be engaged in pre-dissertation level study, preparation for dissertation research, dissertation research abroad, or dissertation writing. Fellows applying for dissertation research abroad must be affiliated with an institution of higher education or similar entity in the host country during their stay. Academic achievement in relevant coursework (and relevant experiential learning such as an international internship, service learning, etc.) and the promise of further achievement will be the primary factors in the review of applicants.

Application Procedures

Evaluation of applications will begin on **February 1, 2026**, but all applications will be considered until funds are fully allocated.

Requirements:

1. The language program must consist of at least 120 **contact hours of language instruction** for advanced level language courses, and at least 140 **contact hours of language instruction** for beginning and intermediate level language courses.
2. The language program must include at least six weeks of instruction.
3. The instruction should be performance-based (i.e. for credit or certification; with testing and grading)

Application packets containing the following items should be submitted to flas@psu.edu:

- Completed and signed application form (provided on the following page)
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Undergraduate and graduate transcript(s) showing GPA and list of courses completed
- A printout of courses for which you have registered for the upcoming summer session or information about the summer intensive language program you will be participating in
- Statement of Purpose – a 1-2 page, double-spaced statement describing your interest and previous experience in the proposed FLAS language, how it fits into your career plans, and your interest or previous experience in the relevant geographical area(s) where the language is used.
- Two confidential recommendations, including one from a relevant language instructor, emailed **directly** to flas@psu.edu.

Applications will be screened by a committee appointed by the FLAS Coordinator in consultation with the Director of the Center for Global Studies. The committee will have broad faculty representation across academic fields. Applicants who submit materials by February 1, 2026 will be notified of the committee's decision by March 1, 2026.

Direct all applications and questions to

814.867.1665 | flas@psu.edu

FLAS Scholarships, Elena Galinova, 442 Burrowes, University Park, PA 16802

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Application Form Summer 2026

General Information

Name: _____ Penn State ID#: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Day) _____ (Alternate) _____ E-mail: _____

Major: _____ Academic Advisor (Name and E-mail) _____

Citizenship: US Citizen Permanent Resident

Career Goals (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal government | <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign government | <input type="checkbox"/> Higher education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International organization (in US) | <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary / secondary education | <input type="checkbox"/> Private sector - for profit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International organization (foreign) | <input type="checkbox"/> State / local government | <input type="checkbox"/> Private sector - non-profit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> US Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Academic Information

Undergraduate Information

Department/School: _____

Major(s) and GPA: _____

Are you applying for other types of fellowships or scholarships for 2026-2027? If yes, please specify: Yes No

Graduate Information

Department/School: _____ Master's MA/PhD Doctoral

Enrollment Status: Matriculated Applying

Will you be on campus during the award period (Summer 2026)?

Yes No If no, please explain (including study abroad):

Language Information

FLAS Target Language and Area (Country or Region of interest): _____

Language Level for which award is sought:

- 1st year 2nd year 3rd year 4th year 5th year

Prior acquaintance with this language

- no formal study, but knowledge through means such as family use, international residence or travel, self-instruction, etc.
- community school, religious instruction (how many years?)
- high school units (specify how many units/years)
- introductory, college level (Language 001, or first-semester)
- introductory, college level (Language 002, or second-semester)
- intermediate, college level (Language 003, or third semester)
- advanced (fourth semester or beyond)
- other (example: summer intensive or immersion courses)

Other languages with which you have experience, with a brief description, such as "conversational knowledge, spoken at home, no reading/writing," or "three years of study in high school," or "a one-month summer immersion course two years ago" (etc.).

The undersigned attests that the information contained in this application is true and complete.

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Graduate Program Officer Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____