



Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships 2018-2019 Competition for Undergraduate Students for Quechua, Portuguese, and other Latin American languages

The Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) at The Ohio State University (OSU) is seeking applications for fellowships for Academic Year 2018-2019 under the U.S. Department of Education's Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship program. All applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Applicants must also be of junior or senior standing at time of fellowship and have successfully completed at least one year of Latin American language study at the college level before the start of the fellowship (the same language they will study with the fellowship). Additionally, undergraduate applicants are required to have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.4.

LANGUAGE ELIGIBILITY:

Awards will be made through CLAS for Quechua or Portuguese. Applications for other Latin American languages (e.g. Aymara, K'iche' Maya, Haitian Creole, Nahuatl) will also be considered on a case-by-case basis. If applying for an award in more than one language, separate applications for each language/area study focus must be submitted. Applicants are responsible for contacting appropriate language departments to establish that their requested level of language instruction will be offered in 2018-19.

ACADEMIC YEAR (AY) FELLOWSHIPS:

AY fellowships are expected to carry a stipend of \$5,000 and contribute up to \$10,000 towards tuition and fees. Subject to approval, AY FLAS fellowships may also be used for foreign language and area studies at other U.S. or foreign institutions. Because FLAS Fellowships are language and area study-based, all AY award recipients must be enrolled in at least one three-credit, graded, classroom-taught language course and at least one three-credit, graded, classroom-taught area studies course each semester during the tenure of the fellowship. AY award recipients must also be full-time fellows (12 credit hours per semester).

In order to gauge each student's language progress during the period of their fellowship, recipients are also required to take language proficiency entrance and exit examinations at the beginning and end of the academic year. FLAS Fellows are also required to meet with the FLAS Coordinator prior to the start of each semester to discuss their course load and program of study. In addition, all recipients are required to submit a post-fellowship online report to the U.S. Department of Education, and participate in brief bi-annual surveys on their job placement and use of language skills for eight years post-graduation. If a Fellow fails to meet any of these requirements, money may be withheld and/or he/she will be required to return the money given to them including payments for tuition.

PRIORITIES:

In awarding Academic Year 2018-19 fellowships, CLAS will base its priorities off of the FLAS competition priorities announced by the U.S. Department of Education in its 2018-2022 Title VI NRC/FLAS Request for Proposals (forthcoming).



AWARD NOTIFICATIONS:

Fellowship competition results will not be made until the results of the Title VI NRC/FLAS competition are announced by the U.S. Department of Education. The U.S. Department of Education's timeline is unknown at this point. *The awarding of fellowships is dependent upon the receipt of Title VI funding from the U.S. Department of Education.*

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The APPLICATION DEADLINE is **Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 4:30 PM** for Academic Year 2018-2019 fellowship applications. No consideration will be given to applications that are incompletely or improperly filled out.

A complete application includes the following:

1. The completed **Online Application Form** which can be accessed from <https://clas.osu.edu/FLAScompetition>
2. An up-to-date **OSU Advising Report** of all courses taken and grades received, and **Official Transcripts** from any other previous college level study at other institutions (attached in your online application).
3. A **Resume or CV** (two pages maximum; attached in your online application).
4. A one-page single-spaced **Statement of Intent** (attached in your online application).
5. A **Budget Estimate** section in your online application, with relevant supporting materials attached.
6. **Three Letters of Reference** from faculty members familiar with the student's work, including:
 - a. Two letters from faculty who can speak to the applicant's qualifications, and preferably to how the applicant plans to combine their language skills with an international career;
 - b. One letter from a language faculty at the college level to speak to applicant's language ability;

Applicants fill out the Student Section of the FLAS Reference Form and provide it to their referees. Referees complete the reference and submit via email to clas@osu.edu by Thursday, February 1, 2018.

7. Applicants must also separately submit a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** to OSU's Office of Student Financial Aid by their priority deadline of Thursday, February 1, 2018 in order to be considered for a FLAS Fellowship. The FAFSA can be accessed at <http://sfa.osu.edu>.

CONTACT

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