



**Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships
Spring 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 Spring Semester 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. Undergraduate FLAS awards are open to students in any department who are pursuing a course of study that requires advanced foreign language and area studies training. Additionally, undergraduate applicants are required to have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 and no grade less than a B+ in all target language courses. Applicants studying must be applying to study 2nd year languages or above (at least Quechua 5503 or Portuguese 1103).

LANGUAGE ELIGIBILITY: Awards will be made through CLAS for Quechua and Portuguese. Applications for other Latin American languages will also be considered on a case-by-case basis. Applicants are responsible for contacting the appropriate language departments to establish that their requested level of language instruction will be offered in spring 2019.

SPRING 2019 FELLOWSHIPS:

Spring 2019 fellowships are expected to carry a stipend of \$2,500 and contribute up to \$5,000 towards tuition and fees. Subject to approval, spring 2019 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 Spring 2019 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 during the tenure of the fellowship. Spring 2019 award recipients must also be full-time fellows (enrolled in 12 credit hours).

In order to gauge each student's language progress during the period of their fellowship, recipients are also required to take a language proficiency entrance examination at the beginning of the fellowship and an exit examination at the end of the academic year. FLAS Fellows are also required to meet with the FLAS Coordinator prior to the start of the spring 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 to participate in brief biennial 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 Spring 2019 fellowships, CLAS will follow the FLAS competition priorities announced by the U.S. Department of Education in its 2018-2022 Title VI NRC/FLAS Request for Proposals, which include considering both an applicant's academic merit and financial need.



AWARD NOTIFICATIONS: Fellowship results are anticipated to be announced by November 1, 2018.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The APPLICATION DEADLINE is **Friday, October 5, 2018 at 4:30 PM.**

A complete application includes the following:

1. The completed **Online Application Form** that can be accessed from <https://clas.osu.edu/FLAScompetition/spring-2019-flas-competition>;
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 online application);
3. A one-page, single-spaced **Statement of Intent** (attached in online application);
4. A **resume or C.V.** of no more than two pages (attached in online application);
5. A **Budget Estimate** section in the online application, with relevant supporting materials attached (if you are planning to complete part of your Spring 2019 semester outside of Ohio State);
6. **Three letters of reference** from faculty members familiar with the student's work, including language capability. Applicants fill out the Student Section of the FLAS Reference Form and provide it to the referees. Referees complete the reference and submit via email to hasting.6@osu.edu by Friday, October 5, 2018; and
7. Applicants must also separately submit a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** by October 5 to OSU's Office of Student Financial Aid. If a FAFSA application is already on file for the 2018-19 Academic Year, a new application does not need to be submitted.

CONTACT

Contact the Center for Latin American Studies (Megan Hasting, assistant director, at 614-688-4285 or hasting.6@osu.edu) with any questions regarding your application for a CLAS FLAS Fellowship.