

## **Academic Year 2018-19 Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships**

*for Undergraduate and Graduate Students studying  
Bengali, Hindi, Persian, Punjabi, Sinhala, Urdu*

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships support undergraduate and graduate students who will study Bengali, Hindi, Persian, Punjabi, and Urdu and other modern South Asian languages as an integral part of an academic program focusing on South Asia. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or have permanent resident status, and must be currently enrolled in a Columbia undergraduate or graduate degree program in order to apply for a Summer fellowship.

Competitive priorities for the Academic Year 2018-19 FLAS competition include students who will achieve an advanced level proficiency by the time of graduation; and students who demonstrate financial need via the FAFSA.

**Undergraduate 2018-19 FLAS fellowships:** \$10,000 in tuition and a stipend of \$5,000.

**Graduate 2018-19 FLAS fellowships:** \$18,000 in tuition and a stipend of \$15,000.

See guidelines for full details.

Applicants apply on-line at the following address:

<https://fellowships-apply.gsas.columbia.edu/apply/>

**Application deadline: February 26, 2018**

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## General Guidelines for Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Graduate Fellowships

1. All awards are subject to U.S. Department of Education (USED) guidelines.
2. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or have permanent resident status.
3. Eligible languages of study at Columbia during the Academic Year are Bengali, Hindi, Persian, Punjabi, Sinhala, or Urdu. Applicants may apply to study other modern South Asia languages during the academic year at overseas programs, or for Summer FLAS.
4. Students in all graduate degree-granting programs at Columbia in GSAS, SIPA and Teacher's College and the Schools of Business, Journalism, Law, and Public Health are eligible to apply for Academic Year. Graduate students in all schools are eligible to apply for Summer awards. Competitive priority will be given to applicants who demonstrate financial need by filing a FAFSA form.
5. Students may study at the Intermediate or Advanced level. Students with documented Advanced proficiency in one South Asian language may apply to study a second language at the Elementary level. Competitive priority will be given to students who plan to achieve an advanced proficiency before graduation.
6. All applications must include a statement of purpose, a current transcript, and two letters of recommendation. Applicants studying at the Intermediate or Advanced level must submit an evaluation from a Language Instructor. Submission of FAFSA is optional and all files will be reviewed with or without FAFSA.
7. Fellows must submit pre- and post-award performance reports, and take pre- and post-award proficiency exams. Fellows must agree to submit bi-annual reports, for a ten-year period following graduation, on career activities or subsequent education, and use of the target language (all reports submitted on-line directly to the USED).

## Academic Year 2018-19 Graduate Awards

1. Fellows must have full-time status or full-time equivalency status in 2018-19. Both current students and incoming applicants to Columbia may apply for Academic Year FLAS.
2. Fellows must enroll in at least one language course and one South Asia area studies course each semester.
3. Students applying to study at an overseas program should contact the Institute in advance of submitting a FLAS application. All overseas programs require language and area studies components and USED approval.

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