

# SOUTH ASIA INSTITUTE

at Columbia University

## Summer 2018 Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships

*Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam,  
Marathi, Nepali, Pashto, Persian, Punjabi,  
Sindhi, Sinhala, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu*

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships support undergraduate and graduate students who will study Bengali, Hindi, Persian, Punjabi, Tamil, 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 Summer FLAS competition include applicants who will achieve an advanced level proficiency by the time of graduation; and applicants who demonstrate financial need via the FAFSA.

**Summer FLAS fellowships** offer up to \$5,000 in tuition sand a stipend of \$2,500. Summer language awards must be used to attend programs that meet language proficiency standards set by the U.S. Department of Education. See guidelines for full details.

All applicants must 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. Applicants may apply to study Bengali, Hindi, Persian, Punjabi, Tamil, Urdu, or other modern South Asia languages (Marathi, Sinhala, Telugu, etc.) that may be needed to support research interests on South Asia.
4. Undergraduate and 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 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 to the USED).

### Summer 2018 Awards

1. Applicants enrolled in degree programs at Columbia are eligible to apply for Summer FLAS. Students who graduate in May are not eligible to apply for the Summer term following graduation.
2. Summer awards are for language study. Applications for research or non-language programs will be rejected.
2. Each individual program of language study must be approved by the Department of Education in advance of any payment for tuition or stipend (at least one month before the start of the language program).
3. Eligible programs must be the equivalent of one year of language study with a minimum of 140 classroom hours.
4. Students at Intermediate and Advanced levels are eligible to study outside the U.S. Students at the Elementary level are limited to studying at programs within the United States (unless there are no such programs in the U.S.).
5. Each award will include full tuition up to \$5,000 and will provide a stipend of \$2,500.
6. FLAS may be combined with non-FLAS fellowships, either from the language program or other funding agencies, to cover tuition above \$5,000. Applicants must advise the Institute if other funding is awarded for the summer program.

For further information, please contact William Carrick at <[wac2112@columbia.edu](mailto:wac2112@columbia.edu)>.

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