

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships For the Study of Asian Languages and Asia Area Studies Michigan State University

The Asian Studies Center at Michigan State University awards undergraduate and graduate student fellowships under the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship program of the U.S. Department of Education for the study of Asian languages and area studies.

Introduction

- The FLAS Fellowship program is designed to meet critical needs for specialists in American education, government, and other services of a public and/or professional nature who will utilize their skills in training others and in developing throughout the United States a wider knowledge and understanding of other countries and cultures
- Funds are available for Summer 2017 and Academic Year (AY) 2017 - 2018 for Undergraduate and Graduate Students. **APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 10, 2017**
- Award notifications will be made no later than March 31, 2017.
- Don't wait, start your application now!

General Eligibility Requirements

- This application announcement pertains to students who are or will be enrolled full time in a program that combines Asian language study and international or area studies focused on Asia at Michigan State University or another approved institution.
- This is a competitive award program. Multiple awards are made in each category. Candidates must show potential for high academic achievement based on such indices as grade point average and recommendations. In addition to merit, demonstrated financial need will be taken into consideration.
- Documentation will be required including **official transcripts, letters of recommendation and a personal statement.**
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents.

Summer Fellowships

Undergraduate and Graduate students: Summer 2017 fellowships offer up to \$5000 for tuition plus a stipend up to \$2,500. Summer fellowships are for intensive language learning only. Courses may be taken in the U.S. or overseas. Summer programs must be equivalent to one full year of language study as provided during the regular academic year.

- Undergraduate and Undergraduate student language learners must be at the intermediate level or higher (have obtained 12 credits in an Asian language by the time the fellowship begins).
- Summer language programs must be a minimum of six weeks and provide a **minimum of 140 contact hours** at the beginner and intermediate levels.
- Programs must be a minimum of 120 contact hours at the advanced level.
- All summer language programs must be offered from **an accredited or recognized educational institution and be approved by the Asian Studies Center.**
- **Reimbursement of up to \$1000 for qualified airfare may be available for overseas program travel. For summer FLAS only.**

Academic Year (AY) Fellowships

Undergraduate students: AY fellowships for undergraduate students offer tuition payments of up to \$10,000 per academic year and a monthly stipend up to a total of \$5,000 for the same period. The academic year includes fall 2017 and spring 2018 semesters. Students must enroll for full time academic study at MSU, or another approved site, and pursue a course of study that includes both language training and Asian studies course work during the year in which they hold the fellowship. Undergraduate language learners must be at the intermediate level or higher in an Asian language (have obtained 12 credits in an Asian language by the time the fellowship begins).

Graduate students: AY fellowships for graduate students offer tuition payments of up to \$18,000 per academic year and a monthly stipend up to a total of \$15,000 for the same period. The academic year includes fall 2017 and spring 2018 semesters. Students must enroll for full time academic study at MSU, or another approved site, and pursue a course of study that includes both language training and Asian Studies course work during the year in which they hold the fellowship. Graduate student language learners must be at the intermediate level or higher in an Asian language (have obtained 12 credits in an Asian language by the time the fellowship begins). Ph.D. candidates who have completed their course work must be at an intermediate or advanced level in an Asian Language. They also have some specific requirements regarding applications requesting support for dissertation research and writing.

Deliver applications by U.S. mail or drop off **no later than 5 p.m. on February 10, 2017.**

Asian Studies Center
427 N. Shaw Lane
International Center, Rm. 301
Michigan State University
517-353-1680

Check List:

- _____ Go to the Asian Studies Center website to download the 2017 - 2018 FLAS instructions and application form <http://asia.isp.msu.edu/academics/fellowships-scholarships/flas/>. Applications are writeable forms and **must be typed**. If accommodations are needed, please contact the Asian Studies Center FLAS coordinator.
- _____ Read all instructions carefully. Failure to complete the application requirements will result in disqualification.
- _____ Complete, sign, and date application. **Please remove cover sheets.**
- _____ Attach written statements.
- _____ Attach brochures and other information about **overseas programs** (if applicable).
- _____ Mail or drop off application with attachments to the Asian Studies Center.
- _____ Arrange for **two confidential** letters of recommendation to be sent directly to the Asian Studies Center by the deadline. (See "Faculty Recommendation Instructions/Request" sheet for more information)
- _____ Arrange for confidential, official transcript(s) to be sent directly to the Asian Studies Center by the deadline.

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Asian Studies Center at Michigan State University
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) Application
Form ~ Summer 2017 AND Academic Year (AY) 2017-2018
Application Deadline: February 10, 2017

A. General Information

Name: _____ PID#: _____

I am applying for:

_____ Summer 2017 FLAS Intensive Foreign Language Study Fellowship (at MSU or other pre-approved site)

_____ Academic Year 2017-2018 FLAS (Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 semesters)

Are you applying for a FLAS award from another center at MSU? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please rank the centers in the order you would prefer to receive a FLAS award:

_____ Asian Studies Center _____ African Studies Center _____ CASID/Ctr. for Gender in Global Context

Primary Email: _____ Alternative Email: _____

Local Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Language of Study (during fellowship period): _____

Program Level (during fellowship period):

Undergraduate ☐ Master's ☐ Doctoral (pre dissertation) ☐ Doctoral (dissertation) ☐

Status:

Currently enrolled at MSU ☐ Not currently enrolled at MSU, application submitted ☐Do you qualify for in-state tuition for the academic year of which you are applying? Yes ☐ No ☐On what basis? Michigan resident ☐ Assistantship ☐Are you a citizen of the U.S.? Yes ☐ No ☐If no, are you a legal permanent resident? Yes ☐ No ☐

A. General Information Continued

MSU Major(s):

Department(s) and College(s):

Overall Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

Number of MSU course credits earned: _____ Expected

date of graduation: _____ / _____
(month) (year)

If Master's, do you plan to continue on for a Ph.D. if accepted? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes: Have you applied for admission to a Ph.D. program? Yes ☐ No ☐

Have you been admitted to the Ph.D. program? Yes ☐ No ☐

B. Undergraduate Education

Please list all institutions you have been enrolled in, starting with the most recent first:

Institution	Dates Attended (mm/yyyy)	Major	Minor	GPA	Degree & Date (mm/yyyy)

C. Previous Graduate Education (if applicable)

Please provide a summary of your graduate education. Graduate fellowship applicants should provide graduate transcripts **only**, unless applicants have not yet begun graduate work, in which case undergraduate transcripts are required.

Institution	Dates Attended (mm/yyyy)	Major	GPA	Degree & Date (mm/yyyy)

D. Foreign Language Competence

Please list your native language(s): _____

List all other foreign languages you know or have studied. Use numbers to indicate competence level in chart below:

- 1 – No practical usable proficiency.
- 2 – Able to read simple prose with difficulty, follow simple conversation, use the language to get around, but not as a means of exchanging ideas; sufficient skill in writing to meet survival needs.
- 3 – Able to read non-technical materials and technical writing in one's field, to understand ordinary native speech, to carry on an exchange of ideas, though haltingly; able to write routine correspondence and simple discourse.
- 4 – Fluency, accuracy, and range adequate for normal professional and social situations.
- 5 – Fluency, accuracy, and range of an educated native user of the language.

Language(s)	How was competence obtained? (Travel, courses, tutor, etc.)	Semesters/Quarters	Competence Levels in Language			
			Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking

E. Career Plans

Check one or rank in order by preference your anticipated organization of employment following completion of your graduation studies. (1 = most preferred, 12 = least preferred)

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|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| _____ Elementary/Secondary Education | _____ Higher Education | _____ Private Sector, For Non-Profit |
| _____ Federal Government | _____ International Org. (In U.S.) | _____ State/Local Government |
| _____ Foreign Government | _____ International Org. (Outside U.S.) | _____ U.S. Military |
| _____ Graduate Study | _____ Private Sector (For Profit) | |

Other, please specify _____

F. Plan of Study

1. Summer 2017 Fellowship Applicants:

- **Summer Fellowships may be used for intensive language study *only*.** Courses must provide a minimum of 140 contact hours at the intermediate levels, or 120 contact hours at the advanced level. Summer language programs must be equivalent to one full year of language study as provided during the regular academic year. In addition, the language training must take place over a minimum of six weeks.
- All courses must be offered from an accredited or recognized educational institution.

F. Plan of Study Continued

- If the applicant plans to enroll for language study at an institution outside the U.S., **a letter must accompany** the application providing a rationale and benefits to be obtained from study outside the U.S.
- **NOTE: The Asian Studies Center must obtain authorization for overseas study from the Title VI program officer before the FLAS nominee may receive the fellowship.**
- Final approval of overseas language programs is contingent on consent from the Title VI program officer in Washington, D.C., obtained through the Asian Studies Center office.
- All material in a language other than English must be provided with a translation.
- Summer Fellowships are available for undergraduate and graduate students. Both undergraduate and graduate students must be at the intermediate/advanced language level when entering the summer program
In the table below, list one or more proposed sites for summer language study.
- A brochure or other documentation **from each proposed program** showing that it meets the criteria above **must be attached to the application. In addition provide a link to the program's website in the table below.**
- It is critically important that information about tuition and fees be provided if possible. While this information is often not always available at the time of your application, use the most recent information available and update the Asian Studies Center at a later date.
- Brochure information from the previous year may be appended to provide estimated costs in the meantime. Printed copy from a website is acceptable as is providing a copy of e-mail communication.
- ***Failure to provide this information may result in your application being sidelined or denied. Applicants are also encouraged to apply for acceptance into summer language study programs (especially those outside of the U.S.) in advance of FLAS award notifications as necessary. It is the applicant's responsibility to apply for summer programs and for requisite visas and other materials.***

Summer Program Name & Location	Program Dates mm/dd/yyyy	# Contact	Tuition	Other Fees*
	Start:			
Link:	End:			
	Start:			
Link:	End:			
	Start:			
Link:	End:			

**"Other fees" include items such as registration fees; do not include travel or insurance. Your stipend is intended to help cover your living expenses including travel. On occasion, additional funds may be available from the Asian Studies Center for travel*

F. Plan of Study Continued

2. **Academic Year (AY 2017 - 2018) Fellowship Applicants** (*Undergraduates and Graduates, except those applying for dissertation research and writing*):

- Indicate your proposed course of study for the AY period, **including language courses** and **Asian studies courses**.
- All students must take one language course and one Asian studies course each semester, except Ph.D. candidates who have completed their course work.
- Indicate department, course number, short title, and number of credits for each course you plan to take.
- **If applicable, attach a brochure and a link for proposed overseas program.**
 - For list of MSU Academic Programs, visit: <http://www.reg.msu.edu/ucc/ucc.asp>
 - For Course Descriptions, visit: <http://www.reg.msu.edu/ucc/AcademicProgramsUpdated.asp>
 - Graduate students newly entering MSU should indicate a preliminary plan of study subject to approval by MSU adviser or graduate committee.

	MSU Dept. or Overseas Institution	Course #	Course Title	# of Credits
Fall 2017				
				Total:
Spring 2018				
				Total:

F. Plan of Study Continued

3. Students at Doctoral Dissertation Stage:

Dissertation research **must** be conducted abroad. Dissertation writing **must** be conducted at home institution in the U.S.

Check all that apply (both can be done in AY but in separate semesters): Dissertation Research ☐ Dissertation Writing ☐

Date/expected date of completion of course requirements: _____ / _____
(month) (year)

Date/expected date of completion of comprehensive exams: _____ / _____
(month) (year)

Date/expected date of completion of dissertation: _____ / _____
(month) (year)

Dissertation Topic: _____

Dissertation-level doctoral students planning overseas research study must provide the following:

What is the country of destination? _____

Is a visa required for this country? Yes ☐ No ☐

Planned date of departure: _____ / _____
(month) (year)

Planned date of return: _____ / _____
(month) (year)

Institutional affiliation in the host country: _____

Institution contact person and title: _____
(Name) (Title) (E-mail)

Note to all candidates planning dissertation research during fellowship year: your fellowship application file must include:

1. A signed letter from your graduate adviser indicating the status of your dissertation proposal.
2. A two-page project description stating the title of the project and a statement of purpose (see "Application Information" at <http://www.asia.isp.msu.edu/academic-programs/fellowships-scholarships/flas/> for further details).

G. Financial Support and Financial Need

Have you had any previous support for study under the Title VI (FLAS) program, or under the Fulbright-Hays Act?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate number of academic quarters or semesters and at which institution you have been supported with FLAS or Fulbright.

At MSU: _____
(# of Semester/Quarters) (FLAS or Fulbright-Hays)

Other: _____
(# of Semesters/Quarters) (FLAS or Fulbright-Hays)

G. Financial Support and Financial Need *Continued*

Please indicate below what other fellowship, scholarship, assistantship, grant, or loan support you have had as a student at MSU:

Fellowships	Scholarships	Assistantships	Grants	Loans

List the status of any other fellowships, scholarships, assistantships, grants, or loans you have applied for, or have been awarded (indicate in parentheses) that would be in effect during the FLAS fellowship period:

Fellowships	Scholarships	Assistantships	Grants	Loans

G. Financial Support and Financial Need *Continued*

Statement of Need: All applicants must indicate your approximate family income, estimated tuition and expenses for Academic Year 2017-2018, and FAFSA expected family contribution toward expenses, if applicable:

Family income: _____

Estimated tuition and expenses: _____

FAFSA expected family contribution: _____

FAFSA verification will be acquired from the Financial Aid Office, if available. Graduate students will declare by filling in the above and signing this application. If you need to provide additional information, please attach a statement.

H. Personal Statement and Career Goals

All applicants please provide a statement of your overall plan of study, including career goals, in a separate document (maximum of 5 double-spaced pages; 12 point font with 1" margins).

- Discuss how your interests, education and experience (include study, travel, and work experience) have influenced your understanding of Asia.
- Be sure to include how you expect your studies to prepare you to affect the field of Asian studies or to pursue an Asia-related career.
- Emphasize how your proposed language study fits in with and is necessary for your proposed studies and career goals.

I. Applicant Signature

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant signature serves to waive the right to see confidential letters of recommendation and confirms the accuracy of the content of the application. Applications must contain an original signature or they will not be accepted.

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 10, 2017 FOR ALL MATERIALS INCLUDING APPLICATION FORM WITH ATTACHMENTS, LETTERS OR RECOMMENDATION AND TRANSCRIPTS. Go to the MSU Registrar's Office website to order electronic transcripts at <http://www.reg.msu.edu/Transcripts/Transcripts.asp> to be sent directly to: jhagstro@msu.edu. **OR** official paper transcripts which must be sent directly to Julie Hagstrom at the address listed below.

Deliver by U.S. mail or drop off application materials no later than 5 p.m. February 10, 2017 to:

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Michigan State University
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East Lansing, MI 48824-1035
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