# DEADLINE: 4:30pm, Friday, February 15, 2019

The Center for International Education invites eligible undergraduates to apply for fellowships for **intensive intermediate or advanced level study** of:

**Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese\* or Russian**

during Summer 2019. Students must be enrolled in an intensive summer language program providing a minimum of six weeks’ instruction totaling at least 140 contact hours (for intermediate/200-level) or 120 contact hours (for advanced/300+-level) of language instruction. Courses may be taken through a domestic or overseas study program that is pre-approved by the U.S. Department of Education. **For a list of suggested FLAS summer programs, please see**: <https://uwm.edu/cie/scholarships/>

**FUNDING:** Each Undergraduate FLAS Fellow will receiveup to **$5,000 for tuition and required fees** (not to exceed the actual cost of tuition and fees); and a **$2,500 subsistence allowance** for living expenses.

**Application Instructions:** Complete applications must include:

1. ***Application Form and Personal Statement***: Download this form at <https://uwm.edu/cie/scholarships/> and complete.
2. ***Unofficial Undergraduate Transcript***: Download/print from PAWS.
3. ***FLAS Recommendation Form*** from a language instructor with whom you have recently completed a class in the language for which you are applying.

Please ask your language instructor to complete the referee’s portion of the recommendation form provided at <https://uwm.edu/cie/scholarships/>. This must be submitted in hard copy in a sealed/signed envelope OR emailed directly by the faculty recommender to [jabooth@uwm.edu](mailto:jabooth@uwm.edu) (Garland Hall rm. 138), referencing the applicant’s name and “FLAS” in the subject line.

If you are also applying for an Academic Year 2019/20 FLAS Fellowship, the required language instructor FLAS Recommendation Form will be considered for both applications.

1. ***Language Program Brochure or information downloaded from the program website***.

Please deliver or email your application to the Center for International Education (Garland Hall rm. 138, [jabooth@uwm.edu](mailto:jabooth@uwm.edu)) no later than 4:00pm on Tuesday, February 19, 2020. *Late and incomplete applications may not be considered. It is your responsibility to confirm with your recommender whether the FLAS Recommendation Form has been submitted.*

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements. The Applicant must:

1. Be a US citizen or permanent resident;
2. Be enrolled in a UWM Bachelor’s degree program with preference given to applicants who demonstrate an academic interest in international studies through current and prior course work;
3. Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form with the UWM Financial Aid office (Mellencamp 162); for instructions, see: <https://uwm.edu/onestop/finances/>
4. Submit the application in accordance with the application deadline and instructions (**no later than 4:00pm on Friday, February 15, 2018**).

**Conditions of the Award:** The following terms and conditions are required of all FLAS Fellows:

1. Fellows must enroll in a program of intensive study of either Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, or Russian at the 3rd semester/intermediate level or higher. Eligible programs must meet the following requirements:
   1. For intermediate (3rd or 4th semester, 200-level) language study: at least 140 contact hours of instruction taking place over at least six weeks.
   2. For advanced (5th semester or higher, 300-level and above) language study: at least 120 contact hours of instruction taking place over at least six weeks.
2. Fellows’ intensive language programs must be pre-approved by the US Department of Education. Approval will be sought by the CIE FLAS Coordinator following selection of the FLAS Fellows.
3. Fellows planning to study abroad are required to apply for their language programs through the CIE Study Abroad Office (Garland Hall Rm. 138) and are subject to the policies governing UWM study abroad programs.
4. All coursework must be taken for graded credit and passed successfully. Note: Failure to maintain good academic standing and satisfactory progress results in dismissal from the fellowship and repayment of fellowship monies already awarded.
5. Fellows must complete instructor-administered FLAS language assessments at the beginning and end of the award period. This information will be entered into the International Resource Information System (IRIS), a database used by the US Department of Education to track the FLAS Fellowship program’s contributions to national language proficiency attainment.
6. At the end of the award period, Fellows will complete a reflection paper assessing their attainment of their learning goals.
7. Fellows are required to stay in regular contact with their FLAS Coordinator and to respond to a survey regarding their use of their language and international studies in employment, education or training every two years for eight years following graduation.

**Selection Process:** Applications will be reviewed by a committee composed of UWM faculty from a variety of departments, schools and colleges, including the languages, in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Strength of student’s academic record;
2. Relationship of student’s study plans to academic and career goals;
3. Strength of recommendation letters.

Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need consistent with the US Department of Education’s priority for the FLAS Fellowship program.

***\*Please note:******Undergraduates proposing to study Portuguese*** *in conjunction with Latin American Studies may apply for FLAS Fellowships through both CIE and the Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies but will be awarded only one Fellowship per award period.*

FLAS Fellowships for UWM undergraduates are made possible by a US Department of Education Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships program grant (CFDA 84.015B; Title VI, Higher Education Act).

**Application Form**

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| **Name:**  **GPA:** | |
| **Student ID #** *(available in PAWS):* |  |
| **Permanent Address**: | |
| **Email:** | **Telephone:** |
| **Major(s) and Minor(s):** | |
| **Intended Career Field:** | |
| **Proposed Language:**  *(Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian)* | **Language Level to be studied:**  *(Course # or Semester; must be 3rd Semester or above)* |
| **Name of Proposed Program:** | |
| **Program Website:** | |
| **Faculty Recommendation To Be Provided By:** | |
| **Email:** | **Telephone:** |
| Under the Family Educational Rights of Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment), you have the right to either review your recommendation or to waive your right to see it. **Please check one**:  I do waive my right of access to this recommendation.  I do **not** waive my right of access to this recommendation. | |

**Please read and check (X) each box:**

I am a US citizen or permanent resident.

I have filed a completed FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form with the UWM Financial Aid office (see: <http://uwm.edu/onestop/finances/>) (Mellencamp Hall Rm. 162).

I agree to complete a pre- and post-award FLAS language assessment for the US Department of Education (as instructed by the CIE FLAS Coordinator).

I agree that I will enroll in a summer intensive language program that has been pre-approved by the US Department of Education (working through the CIE FLAS Coordinator).

I understand that unsatisfactory progress in any of my classes may result in my FLAS award being rescinded and that I will need to repay monies already paid to me.

I understand that FLAS Fellows are obligated to complete a survey from the US Department of Education every two years for eight (8) years after the award ends, and I agree to stay in contact with my FLAS coordinator with updated contact information after I graduate.

I understand that the FLAS Fellowship award takes into account my student aid and that FLAS funding for tuition cannot exceed the total amount of tuition after considering all other need-based aid I will receive. By submitting this application, I authorize UWM Financial Aid to disclose my financial aid information to the UWM Center for International Education.

Signature: Date:

Please complete and submit this application, **including a FLAS Recommendation Form from a language faculty member and an Unofficial Undergraduate Transcript (available in PAWS),** to the Center for International Education (Garland 138; [jabooth@uwm.edu](mailto:jabooth@uwm.edu)) **by 4:30pm Friday, February 15, 2019.**

**Personal Statement**

**Name**:

Your personal statement should be 2-3 pages long and should:

Identify the program you plan to attend and program sponsor, as well as:

* Dates;
* Published program cost; and
* Courses you will take.

Include a program brochure or downloaded web description and identify the program website.

Discuss the learning goals you expect to achieve as a result of the studies conducted as a FLAS Fellow.

Explain how the proposed language studies and anticipated learning goals relate to your academic and career goals.

Address how the FLAS Fellowship will enable you to realize your academic and career goals.

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*Begin your statement below. You may copy your statement from a separate Word document and paste it here. (If submitting in hard copy, please add your name to the top of each new page.)*