



**Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships
2020-2021 Competition for Graduate and Professional Students
for Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Turkish, Uzbek and other
East European/Eurasian Languages**

The Center for Slavic and East European Studies (CSEES) at The Ohio State University (OSU) is seeking applications for fellowships for Academic Year 2020-2021 under the U.S. Department of Education's Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship program. These fellowships are available to all full-time graduate and professional students at all levels and in any department who are pursuing a course of study that requires advanced foreign language and area studies training. All applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

LANGUAGE ELIGIBILITY: Awards will be made through CSEES for Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Turkish, and Uzbek. Applications for other East European or Eurasian languages will also be considered. If applying for an award in more than one language, separate applications for each language/area study focus must be submitted. Applicants are responsible for contacting appropriate language departments and establishing that their requested level of language instruction will be offered in 2020-21.

ACADEMIC YEAR (AY) FELLOWSHIPS:

AY fellowships are expected to carry a stipend of \$15,000 and an award for full tuition and partial OSU fees for students in programs within the OSU Graduate School or up to \$18,000 in tuition and fee support for professional school students or students studying at other institutions. Subject to approval, AY 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 AY 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 each semester during the tenure of the fellowship. AY award recipients also must be full-time fellows (12 credit hours per semester). 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 in the beginning of the academic year 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 each 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 Academic Year 2020-21 fellowships, consideration will be given to applicants with academic merit and professional potential who also demonstrate financial need as defined in Part F of Title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Highest priority will be given to candidates proposing to study at the advanced level (Level 3 or higher) who intend to enter government service upon completing a terminal MA or professional program; second-highest priority will be given to students planning to study at the advanced level (Level 3 or



higher) in the first three years of their graduate or professional program; and third-highest priority will be given to students planning to study at the intermediate level (Level 2) and/or are in non-prototypical fields.

AWARD NOTIFICATIONS: Fellowship competition results will be announced by mid-July.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The APPLICATION DEADLINE is **Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 4:30 PM.**

No consideration will be given to applications that are incompletely or improperly filled out.

A complete application includes the following:

1. The completed **Online Application Form** that can be accessed from <https://slaviccenter.osu.edu/funding/flas>;
2. Name of graduate program coordinator for your home program*; and
3. Applicants must also separately submit a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** by June 30. The FAFSA can be accessed at <http://sfa.osu.edu>.

*We will contact your home program to request a copy of your Ohio State Graduate Admissions application in order to receive copies of your transcripts, statement of intent, letters of recommendation, resume/CV, and relevant test scores.

CONTACT

Contact the Center for Slavic and East European Studies (Eileen Kunkler, assistant director, at 614-292-8770 or kunkler.10@osu.edu) with any questions regarding your application for a CSEES FLAS Fellowship.