



**Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships  
2025-2026 Competition for Undergraduate Students  
for Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Modern Turkish, Uzbek and  
other East European/Eurasian Languages**

The Center for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (CSEEEES) at The Ohio State University (OSU) is seeking applications for fellowships for Summer 2025 and Academic Year (AY) 2025-2026 under the U.S. Department of Education's Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship program. All applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Undergraduate FLAS awards are open to students in any department who are pursuing a course of study that requires advanced foreign language and area studies training. Additionally, undergraduate applicants are required to have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 and no grade lower than a B in all target language courses. Applicants for summer fellowships must have successfully completed at least one year of language study at the college level before the start of the fellowship. Applicants for AY fellowships should apply to study at the third-year level or above of Russian and/or the second-year level and above for other languages.

**LANGUAGE ELIGIBILITY:** Awards will be made through CSEEEES for Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Modern Turkish, and Uzbek. Applications for other East European or Eurasian languages will also be considered on a case-by-case basis. 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 the appropriate language departments and/or summer language programs to establish that their requested level of language instruction will be offered in 2025-26 at the time of the application submission.*

**SUMMER (SU) 2025 FELLOWSHIPS:**

SU fellowships are expected to carry a stipend of \$3,500 and an award for tuition and partial fees (up to \$5,000). SU fellowships are awarded for intensive language study only. Intensive programs eligible for support must encompass the equivalent of a full year of language study with at least 120 contact/classroom hours in instruction for advanced language levels and 140 hours for intermediate language levels and offer at least 6 weeks of instruction. Individualized instruction and audited classes are ineligible for a Summer FLAS.

SU fellowships may be used for intensive language study at institutions other than Ohio State, including study abroad. In such cases, applicants must provide itemized data on tuition, fees, and room and board expenses in the Language Instruction Budget Estimate section of the online application. Summer award recipients must register for a minimum of six credit hours of language courses during the award period. They are also required to meet with the FLAS Coordinator prior to the start of their program as well as take language proficiency entrance and exit exams before and after their program of study. In addition, recipients must submit a post-fellowship online report to the U.S. Department of Education and participate in brief bi-annual surveys on their job placement and use of language skills for eight years post-fellowship.



U.S. government regulations require all recipients of a FLAS travel award (available in some circumstances for summer fellows) to comply with the provisions appearing in the Fly America Act. Specifically, all tickets for overseas flights purchased with U.S. Dept. of Education funds must be on a U.S. carrier, unless the traveler is able to meet specific exception requirements. If a fellow fails to meet any of these requirements, support may be withheld and/or the fellow will be required to return funds given to them, including payments for tuition and fees.

If studying overseas, fellows must register this travel with OSU's Global Education office and purchase the required supplemental travel insurance, the cost of which (based on the time abroad) is the fellow's personal responsibility.

**PRIORITIES:** In awarding Summer 2025 fellowships, consideration will be given to applicants with academic merit and professional potential. Highest priority will be given to candidates proposing to study at the advanced level (Level 3 or higher) who also demonstrate financial need as defined in Part F of Title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Second-highest priority will be given to students planning to study at the advanced levels (Level 3 or higher) before entering government service. Third-highest priority will be given to students planning to study at the intermediate level (Level 2) and/or whose academic and career goals do not articulate with areas of national need in government, education, business, and nonprofit sectors.

**AWARD NOTIFICATIONS:** Fellowship competition results will be announced in March 2025.

**ACADEMIC YEAR (AY) FELLOWSHIPS:**

AY fellowships are expected to carry a stipend of \$5,000 and contribute up to \$10,000 towards tuition and fees. 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 must also be full-time fellows (minimum 12 credit hours per semester).

In order to gauge each student's language progress during the period of their fellowship, recipients are required to take language proficiency entrance and exit examinations at the beginning and 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 bi-annual surveys on their job placement and use of language skills for eight years post-fellowship. If a fellow fails to meet any of these requirements, money may be withheld and/or the fellow will be required to return the money given to them including payments for tuition.

**PRIORITIES:** In awarding Academic Year 2025-2026 fellowships, consideration will be given to applicants with academic merit and professional potential. Highest priority will be given to candidates proposing to study at the advanced level (Level 3 or higher) who also demonstrate financial need as defined in Part F of Title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Second-



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### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The APPLICATION DEADLINE is **Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 4:30 PM** for both Summer 2025 and Academic Year 2025-2026 fellowship applications. Applicants are eligible to apply for both summer and academic year fellowships. 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. An up-to-date **OSU Advising Report** of all courses taken and grades received, and **Official Transcripts** from any other previous college level study at other institutions (attached in online application);
3. A one-page, single-spaced **Statement of Intent** (attached in online application);
4. A **resume or C.V.** of no more than two pages (attached in online application);
5. A **Budget Estimate** section in the online application, with relevant supporting materials attached;
6. **Three letters of reference** from faculty members familiar with the student's work, including:
  - a. One letter from a language instructor at the college level to speak to the applicant's language ability; and
  - b. Two letters from faculty members in any field who can speak to the applicant's qualifications, and preferably their commitment to East European/Eurasian area studies and how they plan to combine their language skills with an international career.

Applicants fill out the Student Section of the FLAS Reference Form and email a copy to [pratt.124@osu.edu](mailto:pratt.124@osu.edu) as well as providing it to the referees. Referees write their letter and submit via email to [pratt.124@osu.edu](mailto:pratt.124@osu.edu) by Saturday, February 1, 2025; and

7. Applicants must also separately submit a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** to OSU's Office of Student Financial Aid by Thursday, February 1, 2025 in order to be considered for a FLAS Fellowship. The FAFSA can be accessed at <http://sfa.osu.edu>.

### CONTACT

Contact the Center for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (Emma Pratt, assistant director, at 614-247-8770 or [pratt.124@osu.edu](mailto:pratt.124@osu.edu)) with any questions regarding your application for a CSEEEES FLAS Fellowship.