



LAI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

The Latin American & Iberian Institute (LAI) announces a call for applications for US Department of Education academic year FLAS Fellowships. **Please note that awards are contingent upon continuation of funding from the US Department of Education.**

Description of FLAS Fellowship

The FLAS academic year fellowship supports training in Portuguese, K'iche' Maya, Quechua, Quichua and Nahuatl. The fellowship provides tuition and fees (up to 12 credits for graduate students; up to 18 credits for undergraduate students) for the Fall and Spring semesters plus a stipend (\$15,000 for graduate students; \$5,000 for undergraduate students). Fellowships are awarded on a one-year basis, but recipients may apply for a second and final year.

Who May Apply

Full-time UNM undergraduate and graduate students in any discipline who are focusing on the study of Latin America may apply. FLAS Fellowship recipients are required to complete at least **1 Latin American area studies (non-language)** course and **1 Portuguese, K'iche' Maya, Quechua, Quichua or Nahuatl** course each semester at UNM while holding the fellowship.

Undergraduate student recipients must be prepared to study one of the approved languages at the intermediate or advanced level. Graduate student recipients may study one of the approved languages at the beginning, intermediate, or advanced level. It is important to note that those who apply to study a FLAS-eligible language at the beginning level must be able to demonstrate that they have achieved advanced proficiency in another language spoken within Latin America (excluding English).

Students at the very advanced level are welcome to apply, but preference will be given to those students for which a robust range of courses in the chosen language have yet to be completed. PhD students at the dissertation phase are discouraged from applying. Recipients must be US citizens or permanent residents. Students in the professional schools and those planning a career in US government service are highly encouraged to apply.

Students with or without financial need are encouraged to apply; however, preference will be given to those who can demonstrate financial need. As such, applicants should submit their FAFSA to UNM's Office of Financial Aid at the earliest date possible (January 1st). FAFSA reports will be consulted during the FLAS application review process.

For more information on the FLAS Fellowship, applicants are encouraged to contact the FLAS Coordinator, Vickie Madrid Nelson (vnelson@unm.edu).

Application Deadline

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018, 5:00 PM

Application Requirements

- FLAS application form (attached)
- unofficial transcripts
- 3 letters of recommendation from faculty
- Test scores (ACT/SAT for undergraduate students; GRE/GMAT/LSAT for graduate students). If the applicant's home department did not require test scores for admission to the graduate program, please include a note to this effect and this application requirement will be waived for consideration of the FLAS Fellowship.
- 2-3 page double-spaced letter of intent that outlines the relevance of the chosen language to the applicant's academic training and career goals. If you are a graduate student applying to study a language at the beginning level, include a statement that addresses your demonstrated advanced proficiency in another language spoken within Latin America.
- Proof of FAFSA submission such as confirmation email, screenshot, etc.

APPLICANTS MUST DELETE OR BLACKOUT SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND DATE OF BIRTH ON ANY MATERIALS SUBMITTED TO LAII.

Application Submission

Applicants must submit their materials electronically, in the order stated above, as a single PDF to Vickie Nelson, LAII Associate Director, at vnelson@unm.edu. Faculty should submit their recommendation letters directly to Vickie Nelson (either as e-mail attachments or hardcopies mailed to the LAII). Applications not received as PDFs will not be considered.



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I. Applicant Information

Date submitted

Name

UNM ID number

Place of birth

Citizenship

Phone

Email

Present address

Permanent address

Preferred for contact

Present

Permanent

II. UNM Academic Record

TO BE COMPLETED BY UNDERGRADUATE APPLICANTS ONLY

Major

Minor

Number UNM hours completed

Cumulative GPA

ACT scores and percentiles

SAT scores and percentiles

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Degree program (ie MA, PhD) _____

Discipline / Department _____

Fields of concentration _____

Number UNM hours completed _____

Cumulative GPA _____

*GRE scores and percentiles _____

*LSAT scores and percentiles _____

*GMAT scores and percentiles _____

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III. Previous Academic Record

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED

Institution	Dates Attended	Major and Degree	GPA

HONORS RECEIVED FOR HIGH SCHOLASTIC ABILITY (i.e., Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, etc.)

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS (institution and dates)

IV. Language Proficiency

Based on available information, please rate your competence in these languages as beginner, intermediate, advanced, or native fluency.

Language	Speaking	Listening	Comprehension	Reading	Writing
Spanish					
Portuguese					
K'iché Maya					
Quechua					
Quichua					
Nahuatl					

Indicate proposed language of study for
FLAS Fellowship

Have you lived, conducted research or
traveled in Latin America? If yes, provide
inclusive information below.

Yes

No

Country

Dates

Purpose

V. List of Recommenders

Name	Institution	Department

Submit this form and the following materials no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2018.

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