



## LAI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships 2018 SUMMER GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

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

### Description of FLAS Fellowship

The FLAS summer fellowship provides the majority of program fees for intensive study of a less-commonly-taught Latin American language at a FLAS-eligible program in the US or Latin America. Such languages include Brazilian Portuguese, K'iche' Maya, Quechua, Quichua, as well as other indigenous languages.

### Who May Apply

Full-time UNM undergraduate and graduate students in any discipline who are focusing on the study of Latin America may apply. Summer FLAS Fellowship awardees are required to participate in an intensive language program that has been approved by the US Department of Education for FLAS recipients. The summer program must provide a minimum of 140 language contact hours of instruction at the beginning or intermediate level or 120 language contact hours at the advanced level.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Graduate students who wish to participate in a program **outside** of the US must be at the intermediate or advanced level of proficiency. Recipients who are at the beginning level of proficiency are required to study at a US-based program unless there is no program offered in the chosen language in the US. Due to US Department of Education guidelines, awardees who do attend a program outside of the US are required to abide by the "Fly America Act" and travel on a US air carrier.

Applicants for summer FLAS fellowships must also apply directly to the language program they are interested in attending **before** submitting the FLAS application. Verification of that application must be submitted with the rest of the FLAS application. FLAS recipients must obtain the appropriate visas for travel as required by the language program. Passport, visa, and vaccination expenses are not covered by the FLAS award.

Lists of eligible summer programs may be viewed at: <http://www.claspprograms.org/pages/detail/5/Language>. Please look for those programs identified as "FLAS Eligible." For more guidance on those programs as well as language preference/selection, applicants are encouraged to contact the FLAS Coordinator, Vickie Nelson ([vnelson@unm.edu](mailto:vnelson@unm.edu); 277-4821).

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**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 pages 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.
- Budget with information on program fees
- Verification of application to language program
- 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 on the application form, as a single PDF to Vickie Nelson, LAII Associate Director, at [vnelson@unm.edu](mailto: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

Are you applying for a FLAS from a center not affiliated with UNM?

Yes

No

If yes, indicate from which center, which university, and for which language

II. UNM Academic Record

TO BE COMPLETED BY UNDERGRADUATE APPLICANTS ONLY

Major

Minor

Number UNM hours completed

Cumulative GPA

ACT scores and percentiles

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SAT scores and percentiles

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Degree program (ie MA, PhD)

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Discipline / Department

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Fields of concentration

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Number UNM hours completed

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Cumulative GPA

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\*GRE scores and percentiles

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\*LSAT scores and percentiles

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\*GMAT scores and percentiles

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III. Previous Academic Record

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED

Institution

Dates Attended

Major and Degree

GPA

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

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SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS (institution and dates)

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**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					
Other					

Indicate proposed language of study for the Summer FLAS Fellowship

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Name and website of intended program of study, including university affiliation, if applicable

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

Yes                      No

Country                      Dates                      Purpose

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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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