



UNM

Latin American & Iberian Institute

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships

Call for Applications Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships 2017-2018 Academic Year

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

Description of FLAS Fellowship: The FLAS academic year fellowship supports training in Portuguese, K'iche' Maya and Quechua. 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 K'iche' Maya, Portuguese, or Quechua 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. Ph.D. students at the dissertation phase are discouraged from applying. Recipients must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Students in the professional schools and those planning a career in U.S. 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, Amanda Wolfe (akwolfe@unm.edu; 277-7044).

Application Deadline: Monday, February 13, 2017 by 5:00 P.M.

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 (confirmation email, screenshot..)

Applicants MUST delete or blackout social security numbers and date of birth on any materials submitted to the LAII.

Application Submission: Applicants must submit their materials electronically as PDFs to Amanda Wolfe, LAII Associate Director for Program Development, at akwolfe@unm.edu. Faculty should submit their recommendation letters directly to Amanda Wolfe (either as e-mail attachments or hardcopies mailed to the LAII). Applications not received as PDFs will not be considered.

2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR FLAS FELLOWSHIP
APPLICATION FORM

I. NOMINEE PERSONAL DATA

Full Name: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Banner ID: _____

Citizenship: _____

(Note: only US citizens and permanent residents may apply for FLAS funding.)

Present Mailing Address:

Permanent Mailing Address:

Indicate which address is preferred for communication: Present Permanent

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

II. UNM ACADEMIC RECORD

To Be Completed by Undergraduate Applicants Only	
Major	
Minor	
Number of Hours Completed at UNM	
Cumulative GPA	
ACT score(s) and percentile(s)	
SAT score(s) and percentile(s)	

To Be Completed by Graduate Applicants Only	
Degree being sought (i.e. PhD, MA, etc.)	
Discipline/Department	
Fields of Concentration	
Number of Hours Completed at UNM	
Cumulative GPA	
*GRE score(s) and percentile(s)	
*LSAT score(s) and percentile(s)	
*GMAT score(s) and percentile(s)	

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III. PREVIOUS ACADEMIC RECORD

Colleges and Universities Attended:

Institution	Dates attended	Major field and Degree	GPA
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Honors received for high scholastic ability (i.e., Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, etc.):

Scholarships, Fellowships, or Graduate Assistantships (include institution and dates):

Language Proficiency: Based on available information, please rate your competence in languages, from **beginner** to **intermediate** to **advanced** to **native fluency**.

Language	Speaking	Listening	Comprehension	Reading	Writing
Spanish					
Portuguese					
K'iche Maya					
Quechua					

Language of study proposed for FLAS Fellowship period: _____

Have you lived, conducted research, or traveled in Latin America? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please give inclusive information below.

Country	Dates	Purpose
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

IV. LIST OF RECOMMENDERS

Name	Institution	Department
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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