



UNM

Latin American & Iberian Institute

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships

Call for Applications Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships Summer 2017

The Latin American & Iberian Institute (LAI) announces a call for applications for U.S. Department of Education summer 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 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 U.S. or Latin America. Such languages include Brazilian Portuguese, K'iche' Maya, Quechua, 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 U.S. 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. 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Graduate students who wish to participate in a program outside of the U.S. 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 U.S.-based program unless there is no program offered in the chosen language in the U.S. Due to U.S. Department of Education guidelines, awardees who do attend a program outside of the U.S. are required to abide by the "Fly America Act" and travel on a U.S. 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, Amanda Wolfe (akwolfe@unm.edu; 277-7044). 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.

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.
- ✓ Budget with information on program fees
- ✓ Verification of application to language program
- ✓ 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 Deadline: Monday, February 13, 2017 by 5:00 P.M.

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 SUMMER 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: _____

Are you applying for a FLAS from a center not affiliated with UNM? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, indicate which center, at which university and for which language.

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

Language of study proposed for the Summer FLAS Fellowship _____

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

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

If yes, please give inclusive information below.

<i>Country</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

IV. LIST OF RECOMMENDERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Department</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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