

# Funding Opportunities *for* International Studies Research

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## Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS)

Summer 2017 and 2017-2018 Academic Year Awards

TITLE VI FUNDING THROUGH THE US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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## Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships

### 1. Application Website

URL: <http://einaudi.cornell.edu/foreign-language-and-area-studies-flas-fellowships>. This webpage provides information and updates about the fellowship and links to the online FLAS application.

### 2. Deadline

The deadline for all materials is **4:30 pm, Wednesday February 15, 2017**.

### 3. Description

FLAS fellowships assist students in pursuing advanced training to acquire a high level of competence in one or more languages that are critical to national needs of the United States, and to a fuller understanding of the areas, regions, or countries in which the languages are commonly used. The United States today faces unprecedented demand for globally competent citizens and professionals. Congress recognized this in the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act that included funding for Title VI Programs.

Two of Cornell's long-established language and area studies programs, the South Asia Program (SAP) and the Southeast Asia Program (SEAP), have received highly competitive four-year grants from the U.S. Department of Education. These two Asia programs won renewed prestigious designation as National Resource Centers (NRC), and were awarded Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships. This is in recognition for their excellence in areas critical to the national interest.

FLAS fellowships are offered to fund the study of the following U.S. Department of Education Priority Languages:

<b>South Asia Program (SAP):</b> <a href="http://sap.einaudi.cornell.edu/">http://sap.einaudi.cornell.edu/</a>	Bengali, Hindi, Nepali, Persian, Punjabi, Sinhala, Tamil, Modern Tibetan, Urdu (Others available during the summer)
<b>Southeast Asia Program (SEAP):</b> <a href="http://seap.einaudi.cornell.edu/">http://seap.einaudi.cornell.edu/</a>	Burmese, Khmer (Cambodian), Indonesian/Malay, Tagalog, Thai, Vietnamese (Others available during the summer)

### 4. Eligibility

Based on current program regulations, the applicant must:

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- Show potential for high academic achievement based on indicators such as grade point average, class ranking, or similar measure
- Agree to pursue full-time study in accordance with the university's requirements, and agree to language study during the tenure of the award

- Demonstrate the extent to which the necessary language training requirements have been met. *Note: Lowest priority will be given to a candidate who is a native speaker of the language for which an award is sought.*
- The fellowship may be used overseas only if the candidate has received prior approval from the U.S. Department of Education Program Officer to enroll in an advanced program overseas established by a U.S. institution.
- Have not received a dissertation research fellowship from a federal source, such as Fulbright-Hayes
- **Graduate Students** must:
  - Have earned a baccalaureate or comparable degree before the fellowship begins
  - Be accepted for (or enrolled in) graduate level training in an approved program that combines modern foreign language training and either
    - Area or international studies
 OR
    - Research and training in the international aspects of professional and other fields of study
  - Be at the intermediate to advanced level of language study for one of the designated languages OR be starting a second regional language. Students wanting to take language courses at the introductory level may be eligible in certain circumstances, which will be examined on a case-by case basis.
  - Funding for summer FLAS is only for approved intensive language acquisition programs, such as SEASSI, SASLI, AIIS, or Cornell Nepali program
- **Undergraduate Students** must:
  - Be in the process of earning a baccalaureate
  - Be at the intermediate to advanced level of language study for one of the designated languages
  - Plan to attend an approved summer intensive language acquisition program

## 5. Application requirements

- **New requirement:** Complete a **FAFSA Application**. Both graduate students and undergraduate students for either Academic Year or Summer FLAS Fellowship must submit a FAFSA. The FAFSA must be submitted by the February 15, 2017 FLAS application deadline. **Cornell code: 002711** <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- Continuing Cornell graduate students must submit:
  - Two letters of recommendation: one from the student's Chair/Advisor, and one from another faculty member
  - A transcript covering one full academic year of coursework.
  - Optional: a third letter of recommendation from a language instructor
- Continuing Cornell undergraduate students must submit:
  - Two letters of recommendation from faculty members
  - A transcript covering one full academic year of coursework
  - Optional: a third letter of recommendation from a language instructor

**6. Selection Criteria**

The priority of the FLAS funding agency, the U.S. Department of Education, is to give preference to students who demonstrate financial need as indicated by the students’ expected family contribution, as determined under part F of title IV of HEA (which is why we require the FAFSA).

**7. Funding Period**

The fellowship period is either **Summer 2017** or **Academic Year 2017-2018**.

**8. Funding Amount**

- The funding level for the **graduate academic year award** is a nine-month stipend of \$15,000 plus an education allowance (towards tuition) for the 2017-2018 academic year of \$18,000. Cornell has agreed to provide additional funding to cover full tuition costs, and for PhD and Master’s Research degrees only, the Graduate School will provide SHIP (Student Health Insurance) and an additional stipend.
- **Summer 2017 FLAS** stipend is \$2,500 with an educational allowance (program fee/tuition payments) of up to \$5,000, for both **Undergraduate** and **Graduate** Fellows. For further clarification, contact the area studies program Fellowship Coordinators.

**2017-18 Awards by Program**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Academic Year Graduate</b>	<b>Summer Graduate/Undergraduate</b>
<b>SAP</b>	7	5
<b>SEAP</b>	7	5

**9. Contact Details**

If you have questions please contact the Area Studies Program which corresponds with the language you plan to study.

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