



Undergraduate Academic-Year East Asia Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships

About FLAS fellowships

Undergraduate Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships provide partial funding to students to encourage the study of critical and less commonly taught foreign languages in combination with area studies, international studies, or international aspects of professional studies. These fellowships are funded with a grant from the U.S. Department of Education under Title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008. The purpose of the FLAS program is to promote the training of students who intend to make their careers in college or university teaching, government service, or other employment where knowledge of foreign languages and cultures is essential. Stanford petitions the Department of Education for FLAS fund allocations, and CEAS administers the funds awarded for East Asia-related grants. Stanford Undergraduate Academic-Year East Asia FLAS Fellowships support students enrolled at Stanford in intensive language study at the intermediate (2nd year) or advanced (3rd year+) level.

Eligibility

To be considered for a Stanford FLAS fellowship, an applicant must:

- (a) Be a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S. or a permanent resident of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.
- (b) Be a currently-registered undergraduate student in good standing at Stanford during the award period.
- (c) Be eligible for at least \$15,000 in financial aid as determined by the Stanford Financial Aid Office.
- (d) Have completed a Stanford [CSS Profile](#) and a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) by the university deadlines.

In East Asian Studies, eligible program languages are Chinese, Japanese, and Korean.

Additional languages may be eligible by petition. Recipients must agree to:

- i) be enrolled in language and area studies courses, as outlined in your application, during the entire period of the award;
- ii) not accept other employment if it will prolong the period of time within which you expect to receive your degree;
- iii) undergo pre- and post-award language evaluations to be arranged by the Stanford Language Center (more information about these will be available shortly);
- iv) submit pre- and post-award performance evaluations through the Department of Education online reporting system.
- v) provide CEAS with a valid non-Stanford email and agree to complete a FLAS recipient survey every 2 years for 8 years after completion of degree. This requirement is mandated by the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) of 2008, Section 601. You may view the HEOA mandate online at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-110publ315/pdf/PLAW-110publ315.pdf> (pp. 257-258).

Academic-year FLAS Funding Amounts

Undergraduate academic-year FLAS recipients will receive \$10,000 in tuition, plus a stipend of \$5,000. A FLAS award may offset other funding sources as outlined in your aid package, and will not necessarily increase your overall aid amount. However, it may reduce or even remove your loan and/or work obligation. Check with the Stanford Financial Aid Office for details of how this award will affect your overall aid profile.

Selection Criteria

FLAS Fellowships are awarded competitively on merit basis through an annual fellowship competition administered by the Center for East Asian Studies. Applications meeting Financial Aid Office eligibility requirements are judged first by a faculty committee at the Center who are looking for a combination of academic achievement, clarity and feasibility of goals, and relevance to future plans. Current Department of Education selection guidelines state that:

- High priority is given to applicants in a wide variety of humanities and social sciences disciplines, as well as all professional schools, who are likely to pursue government service or enter a profession.
- Lower priority is given to students who already possess language fluency equivalent to educated native speakers in the language for which the award is sought.
- Lowest priority is given to students who have taken fewer than 12 semester hours (or 18 quarter hours) or the equivalent in Chinese, Japanese, or Korean.

Stanford selection committee priority will be to support advanced language training (3rd year or above).

Application Process:

Applicants must:

1. Complete the Undergraduate Academic-Year East Asia FLAS Fellowships Online Application (redirects to solo.stanford.edu) including upload of Statement of Purpose (max. two pages single spaced) and unofficial transcripts
2. Request one recommendation letter from a relevant faculty member (via online application system).
3. Provide your language instructor with a completed evaluation form for them to fill out and return to CEAS. Language evaluation forms should be emailed/delivered directly to John Groschwitz, CEAS Associate Director.
4. Complete a 2016-17 Stanford CSS Profile by the required university deadline.
5. Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the required university deadline