



APPLICATION FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIP (FLAS) SUMMER INTENSIVE LANGUAGE STUDY ABROAD 2023

The Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies (CLACX) at Vanderbilt University receives funding from the Department of Education to support Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Awards for Intensive Studies of Portuguese or indigenous Latin American languages.

Fellowships provide tuition expenses for the study of Portuguese, K'iche', or another indigenous language (up to \$5,000) and a stipend of \$2,500. Any **graduate or undergraduate student** with Luso-Brazilian or indigenous language-related interests and who is a US citizen or permanent US resident is eligible to apply.

Eligibility and application guidelines:

1. FLAS fellowships support students enrolled in:
 - a. Formal domestic programs of intensive language study at the beginning, intermediate or advanced level, or
 - b. Formal overseas programs of intensive language study at the intermediate or advanced level, or
 - c. Formal overseas programs of intensive study at the beginning level of languages for which appropriate instruction is not available in the United States
2. Only US citizens or permanent residents are eligible to receive FLAS awards.
3. Recipients must be full-time students in a graduate, professional or undergraduate degree-granting program.
4. Student applicants must be in good academic standing and have at least a current cumulative grade point average of 2.5.
5. Quality applications will be evaluated according to the following funding priorities:
 1. Applications for Language Study through CLACX Programs:
 - a. Study of K'iche' through the Mayan Language Institute in Guatemala (Vanderbilt/UNM/UT/Chicago/Tulane)
 - b. Portuguese Language and Culture in São Paulo, Brazil (Vanderbilt/Tulane/Emory)
 2. Study of Haitian Creole
 3. Study of Portuguese at other approved FLAS programs
 4. Other less commonly taught indigenous languages of Latin America
 5. Financial need
 6. Lowest priority is given to applicants who possess language fluency equivalent to educated native speakers of the language.
6. Undergraduate student applicants applying for funding for overseas language study must provide definitive proof (coursework or language assessment evaluation by a certified instructor) of language ability at the intermediate or advanced level. This does not apply to graduate student applicants (graduate students may be at the beginning level to study overseas, although it is important to note that some language programs do not offer study at the beginning level).
7. Recipients who accept the FLAS fellowship are not eligible to receive any other CLACX summer funding for that summer.

Submit application materials to **Gretchen Selcke**: gretchen.s.selcke@vanderbilt.edu.

Write in the subject line of your email: 2023 FLAS Application

- Include application form and unofficial academic transcripts saved as a **single pdf**.
- Non-Vanderbilt students must also submit a letter of reference from a faculty member of their home institution.

Applications are due by February 1, 2023. Awards will be announced in mid-March.



SUMMER INTENSIVE LANGUAGE STUDY FLAS APPLICATION FORM

I. Personal Information

Name: _____

E-Mail _____ Phone # _____

Campus or home address: _____

Citizenship: _____

Gender (non-binary, female, male): _____

Degree being pursued and current year of study _____

Graduate students:

Department or Program: _____

Degrees received:

Degree	Year	Major/minor/concentration	Institution	GPA

Classes taken in Spanish, Portuguese, and/or indigenous Latin American language (list the highest level reached first):

Previous research and travel experience in Latin America:

II. Faculty References

Vanderbilt students: List two faculty members (with e-mail) that can be contacted:

1. _____

2. _____

Non-Vanderbilt students: Indicate name, department, and contact email for the faculty member who will provide a letter of recommendation. Letters must be sent to as a .pdf to gretchen.s.selcke@vanderbilt.edu by application deadline.



III. Summer Language Program Information

The degree of intensity of the summer language program must be equivalent to one year of college-level language instruction. Generally, this is equivalent to 120 contact hours of advanced level language instruction or 140 contact hours of beginning or intermediate language instruction in programs lasting from 4 to 6 weeks. For a list of approved programs, consult the website of the Consortium in Latin American Studies Programs at www.claspprograms.org, clicking on “Language Instruction.”

Proposed language of study: _____

Name of preferred program and location: _____

Program cost (tuition and housing): _____

What level of the language will you be studying (advanced, intermediate, beginning): _____

What is your level of Spanish proficiency (advanced, intermediate, beginning): _____

Have you applied for a FLAS fellowship from another institution? If so, provide name of institution(s).

Have you applied for other summer research or language training funding (Y/N)? If so, indicate summer funding you have applied for in order of preference.

IV. Program Information

Proposed language of study: _____

Have you applied for a FLAS fellowship from another institution? If so, provide name of institution(s).

Have you applied for other summer research or language training funding (Y/N)? If so, indicate summer funding you have applied for in order of preference.

V. Language Proficiency Verification

Will you verify your current language proficiency level using coursework or an oral evaluation?

VI. Transcripts

Include a pdf of your academic transcript(s) with this application.

VII. Financial Aid

Do you come from an economically disadvantaged (ED) background (Y/N)? _____

Expected Family Contribution (EFC) amount from your most recent FAFSA form: _____



List all forms of financial aid you receive at your current institution during the academic year:

Describe your funding needs for 2022-2023, including housing, living stipend, and any other considerations:

VIII. Narrative

Discuss your reasons for studying Portuguese, K'iche' Mayan, Haitian Creole, or another Latin American indigenous language. Tell us why participation in your proposed language program is important to your studies and current or future degree program, your research, and your future career. Please indicate if your future career intentions include the possibility of government service. (Maximum of 500 words).