2024 Foreign Language & Area Studies Application

Start of Block: Foreign Language & Area Studies Application

1 **Foreign Language & Area Studies Application**   **Read Before Beginning**   Thank you for applying for undergraduate or graduate student funding from the University of Kansas to study a less commonly taught language. This opportunity is made possible by a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) grant provided by the U.S. Department of Education. 

It is the student's responsibility to make certain that the application is complete; incomplete applications will not be considered. Under certain circumstances, paper applications and all supporting materials may be submitted by email (rather than the online application below). Please contact the FLAS coordinator for the Center(s) you are applying to if you need us to consider this option.

Read all descriptions and instructions carefully, as specific information is required for certain fields. **Please be aware that the application form does not allow you to save progress and/or return to it at a later time. You will also not be able to go back to a previous page.**Therefore, please make sure to reserve enough time to fill out the entire application, including all required file uploads, in order to minimize loss of progress. **The estimated time to complete the application is 60 minutes (without prepared materials) or 25 minutes (with prepared materials).** You are encouraged to record your responses to the application in a separate document in case of a technical glitch that may cause you to lose your progress.

Here is the list of the documents that you will be asked to upload:

* Statement of Purpose
* CV or Resume
* KU Advising Report or Most Recent College Transcript
* Unofficial Transcripts from a Previous School or Program

**If you have questions or issues, contact your** FLAS coordinator**.**

End of Block: Foreign Language & Area Studies Application

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Q2 **Profile**   
**Residency Status**   
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships are made possible by the U.S. Department of Education. To be eligible for a fellowship, you must be a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident. However, you may apply if you believe that your residency status will change before the start of the selected fellowship term (i.e., summer term or academic year term). If you believe this to be your situation, notify the appropriate FLAS coordinator after submitting the application.

Q3 U.S. Citizen, National, or Permanent Resident

▼ Yes (1) ... No (2)

Display This Question:

If U.S. Citizen, National, or Permanent Resident = No

Q4 **PLEASE NOTE:** To be eligible for a fellowship, you must be a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident. However, you may apply if you believe that your residency status will change before the start of the selected fellowship term (i.e., summer term or academic year term). If you believe this to be your situation or if your response was made in error, you may go back and select "Yes". If you need additional assistance, please notify the appropriate FLAS coordinator about your situation via email.

Q5 Name (First, Middle Initial, Last)

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Q6   KU ID Number (If you are not a current KU student, please put 0000000)

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Q7 Current Degree Status

▼ High School Student

Undergraduate

Masters

Masters/ Doctorate

Doctorate

Q8 **Contact Information**  
Provide the most recent information at this time; the FLAS Coordinators recognize that some details are subject to change.

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Q9 KU/College Email

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Q12 Current Street Address

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Q16 Are you a current KU student?

* Yes
* No

Display This Question:

If Are you a current KU student? = No

Q17 Have you applied or plan to apply to study at KU?

* Yes
* No

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If Have you applied or plan to apply to study at KU? = Yes

Q18 Have you been admitted to KU yet?

* Yes
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If Have you applied or plan to apply to study at KU? = Yes

Q19 Which KU department have you applied to, and/or have been admitted to?

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Q20 **Current School Information**   
   
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Q21 Full Name of Current School/ Institution

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Q22 Tuition Status at KU

▼ In-State

Out-of-State

Q23 Major/ Discipline (Example: Accounting, English, Film, Engineering)

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Q24 Degree Program

* Business
* Education
* Engineering
* Health Services
* Law
* Library
* Public Administration/ Policy
* Social Work
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q25 Expected Graduation Date (mm/yyyy)

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Q26 Cumulative GPA

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Q27 **Previous School 1** If you have attended more than one institution of higher education (vocational school, community college, university, etc.), provide information about the degree program, date of graduation, and cumulative GPA. If you are currently enrolled at an institution of higher education as an undergraduate student, provide information about your high school program.

Q28 Full Name of Institution

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Q29 Major/ Discipline

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Q30 Degree Program

* Business
* Education
* Engineering
* Health Services
* Law
* Library Science
* Public Administration/ Policy
* Social Work
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q31 Date of Graduation (mm/yyyy)

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Q32 GPA

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Q33 **Previous School Information 2**  
Provide information about previous academic institutions, including the degree program, date of graduation, and cumulative GPA. If you have no other academic institution to report on, you may skip this section.

Q34 Full Name of School/ Institution

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Q36 Degree Program

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Q37 Date of Graduation (mm/yyyy)

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**Q39 Fellowship & Program Information**   
**Fellowship Information**

In this section, enter information specific to the fellowship that you are applying for (e.g., **Summer 2024** or **Academic Year 2024-2025**). FLAS fellowships may only be used to study a designated Less Commonly Taught Language.

The University of Kansas is authorized to offer the following list of languages either during the summer and/or academic year at KU, or through an affiliated/approved U.S. or foreign program. However, if you are interested in studying a less commonly taught language that is located in an appropriate region, but not listed, then you may still apply. For questions, contact the appropriate FLAS Coordinator.

**If applying for multiple fellowship terms or multiple languages, a separate application must be submitted for EACH.**

Please note the following:

* Undergraduates may **NEVER** receive awards for the study of a language at the **Elementary/ Beginner/ First Year level**. Undergraduate students may only apply for a fellowship to study a language at the Intermediate/ Second Year level or higher levels.
* Graduate students **MAY** engage in **Elementary/ Beginner/ First Year level** study, but **ONLY** when they meet both of the conditions listed below:
  + The student already has Advanced Proficiency in another language related to the student’s field of study;
  + Learning the new language is required for the student’s overall training and expertise.

In addition, please note that graduate students may enroll in Elementary/ Beginner/ First Year level summer programs abroad only if equivalent instruction is not available in the U.S.  
     
**Exceptions to the above rules for graduate beginner-level study may be considered on a case-by-case basis.** A detailed justification needs to be provided by the graduate student in this application.

Q40 Which Center are you applying to?

▼ Center for East Asian Studies

Kansas African Studies Center

Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies

Display This Question:

If Which Center are you applying to? = Center for East Asian Studies

Q41 Please choose your FLAS language.

▼ Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Tibetan, Uyghur, Other

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If Which Center are you applying to? = Kansas African Studies Center

Q42 Please choose your FLAS language.

▼ Arabic, Kiswahili, Wolof, Yoruba, Other

Display This Question:

If Which Center are you applying to? = Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies

Q43 Please choose your FLAS language.

▼ Guaraní, Haitian Creole, Kaqchikel Maya, K’iche’ Maya, Miskitu, Portuguese, Quechua, Tlapanec, Yucatec Maya, Other

Display This Question:

If Which Center are you applying to? = Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Q44 Please choose your FLAS language.

▼ Bosnian / Croatian / Montenegrin / Serbian (BCMS), Czech, Persian/Tajik, Polish, Russian. Slovene, Turkish, Ukrainian, Other

Q45 Fellowship Type

▼ Undergraduate

Graduate

Q46 Fellowship Term

▼ Summer 2024

Academic Year 2024-2025

Q47 What is the highest language level you will have completed **PRIOR** to the start of the FLAS fellowship term?

▼ None, First Year, Second Year, Third Year, Fourth Year, Fifth Year

Q48 What language level do you intend to study **DURING** the fellowship term?\*

▼ First Year, Second Year, Third Year, Fourth Year, Fifth Year

Display This Question:

If What language level do you intend to study DURING the fellowship term?\* = Level 1 / First Year / Beginner / Elementary

And Fellowship Type = Undergraduate

Q49 **PLEASE NOTE:** Undergraduates may NEVER receive awards for the study of a language at the Elementary/ Beginner/ First Year level. Undergraduate students may only apply for a fellowship to study a language at the Intermediate/ Second Year level or higher levels.

Q50 Are you a graduate student (or will you be a graduate student during the 2024-2025 academic year) applying for FLAS to study a language at the beginner/elementary/ first year level?

* Yes
* No

Display This Question:

If Are you a graduate student (or will you be a graduate student during the 2024-2025 academic year)... = Yes

Q51 Have you achieved advanced level proficiency in another foreign language?

* Yes
* No

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If Have you achieved advanced level proficiency in another foreign language? = Yes

Q52 Please list the foreign language(s) in which you have achieved advanced level proficiency.

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If Have you achieved advanced level proficiency in another foreign language? = Yes

Q53 Please provide a form of evidence that you have achieved advanced proficiency in another language. You may upload a diploma, a transcript, an ACTFL OPI(c) test result, etc. Contact your FLAS Coordinator for special circumstances.

Display This Question:

If Have you achieved advanced level proficiency in another foreign language? = No

Q54 **PLEASE NOTE:** Graduate students may engage in Level 1 / First Year / Beginner / Elementary Level study, **BUT ONLY WHEN** they already have Level 3 / Third Year / Advanced proficiency in another language.

Display This Question:

If Are you a graduate student (or will you be a graduate student during the 2024-2025 academic year)... = Yes

And Have you achieved advanced level proficiency in another foreign language? = Yes

Q55 If you are a graduate student who is applying to study a language at the beginner/ elementary/ first year level, please provide a justification as to why learning the new language is required for your overall training and expertise. *(100 words min., 200 words max.)*

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Start of Block: Block Program Information

Q56 **Program Information** FLAS funds may only be used to study at a U.S. or foreign accredited higher education institution, not a language institute, although there are exceptions and you may inquire further with the appropriate FLAS Coordinator.  
   
**All study abroad programs (AY or Summer), including Student Initiated Programs, as well as domestic non-KU programs must be coordinated through the KU Study Abroad & Global Engagement (SAGE) office.**   
   
In this section, provide the most recent information available for the selected program.   
  
If you are applying for a summer FLAS fellowship, please note that federal guidelines require that summer programs have a minimum of 6 weeks for a total of 140 contact hours at the beginner or intermediate levels or 120 contact hours at the advanced level.  
  
If you are applying for an academic year FLAS fellowship at an institution other than KU, please note that you need to indicate the number of weeks and contact hours of your program.  
   
If you are planning to study at the University of Kansas, either Summer 2024 or AY 2024-2025, fill in this section with the appropriate information.

Q57 Program Name & Affiliated Institution (e.g., Arabic at KU 2024-2025 || Korean at KU 2024-2025 || Chinese at Indiana University Summer Language Workshop Program 2024 || Russian at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University in Almaty, Kazakhstan through American Councils || KU Summer Miskitu language program in Nicaragua 2024, etc.)

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Q58 Program Location

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Q59 Program Website

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Q60 Program Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Q62 Program End Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Q63 Is the program located outside of the U.S. or at an institution other than KU?\*

▼ Yes

No

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If Is the program located outside of the U.S. or at an institution other than KU?\* = Yes

Q64 Have you met with an advisor in KU Study Abroad & Global Engagement Office, specifically to plan this program?\*

▼ Yes (1) ... No (2)

Display This Question:

If Have you met with an advisor in KU Study Abroad & Global Engagement Office, specifically to plan... = No

Q65 Please meet with your center's designated Study Abroad contact person to discuss your program.

Q66 Number of Weeks?

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Q67 Number of Contact Hours?

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Q68 Is this a summer language program?

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* No

Display This Question:

If Is this a summer language program? = Yes

Q69 Please provide documentation of the contact hours of your intended summer language program. This may include a brochure, an email exchange with the summer language program director, a link to a website that contains information about weeks and contact hours, and similar. Please note that federal guidelines require that summer programs have a minimum of 6 weeks for a total of 140 contact hours at the beginner or intermediate levels or 120 contact hours at the advanced level. Excursions, field trips, and similar, **cannot** count towards contact hours.

Q70 Is this an in-person program located outside the U.S. and requires travel?

* Yes
* No

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Start of Block: Block Travel

Q71 **Travel Information** Provide the most accurate information at this time; the FLAS Coordinators recognize that some details are subject to change.

Q72 Anticipated Departure Date\*

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Q73 Anticipated Return Date\*

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Q74 Departure City \*

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Q75 Departure Country\*

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Q76 Destination City\*

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Q77 Destination Country\*

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Start of Block: Block Tuition, Financial Aid, Expected Family Contribution

Q78 **Estimated Tuition, Financial Aid, Expected Family Contribution** **FAFSA** All applicants must apply for a free FAFSA from the U.S. Department of Education. Enter the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) if you are a dependent of a parent(s) or guardian(s). If taxes were filed independently (or not a dependent of another), enter the Expected Family Contribution. The FLAS Coordinator will check that you submitted a FAFSA and verify the EFC amount that you indicate here with KU's Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships.  
  
To the best of your knowledge, estimate the cost of attendance (tuition and fees) for either the summer or academic year term. You may estimate cost of attendance using this tool: https://financialaid.ku.edu/calculate-costs/tuition-and-fees. In addition, include estimated financial aid that you expect to receive in the summer or academic year term. The FLAS Selection Committee recognizes that these metrics may not accurately describe your financial situation and/or need, therefore you are encouraged to share more.

Q79 Have you submitted a FAFSA? Please note that **you are required to submit a FAFSA**. Without a submitted FAFSA, your application will not be considered complete.

▼ Yes (1) ... No (2)

Q80 What is your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)?

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Q81 Will you apply for, have you applied for, or do you expect to have a graduate appointment (GA, GRA, GTA), including a tuition waiver and stipend?\*

▼ Yes (1) ... No (2)

Q82 Will you apply for, have you applied for, or do you expect to have financial aid, including scholarships, fellowships, tuition waivers, grants and/or parent loans, but excluding student loans?\*

▼ Yes (1) ... No (2)

Q83 Estimated Financial Aid Amount\*

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Q84 Provide more information about your financial situation and/or need, including any financial aid that you have applied for or expect.\* (200 words max.)

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Start of Block: Block Personal Statements

Q85 **Personal Statements** / **Relevant Career Goals** Provide a concise statement about your career goals as they relate to the fellowship. The FLAS Selection Committee will consider the response in addition to the statement of purpose.

Q86 Select a Potential Career\*  
 *Check all that apply.*

* Private Sector, For-Profit Company or Organization
* Private Sector, Non-Profit Organization (includes private schools and tax exempt and charitable organizations)
* Public Institution of Higher Education
* Public Institution of Pre-K-12 Education
* Government, Local Government
* Government, State
* Government, U.S. Military Service
* Government, U.S. Federal
* International Organization
* Non-Government Organization
* Other

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If Select a Potential Career\* Check all that apply. = Other

Q87 If "Other" selected above, you must provide an explanation.

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Q88 What are your relevant career goals?\*  
 *50 word minimum; 200 word  max.*

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Q89 How does the language and area studies component of the fellowship support your career goals?\* 50 word minimum; 200 word max.

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Q90 **Reason for Program Selection**  
Provide a concise statement about why you have selected the particular program of study. The FLAS Selection Committee will consider the response in addition to the statement of purpose. *(50 word min., 200 word max.)*

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Q91 **Statement of Purpose** A formal two-page, double-spaced statement of purpose is required. The primary selection criteria for both academic year and summer fellowships are potential contribution to the field; intent to begin a career in an area of national need; intent to study abroad; intent to pursue an advanced academic or professional degree; quality of application (including statement of purpose and letters of recommendation); financial need; and membership in a historically underrepresented group (including students from community colleges or minority-serving institutions). Your statement of purpose should concisely address any of the above criteria.

Q92 Please upload your Statement of Purpose. Your Statement of Purpose must be in either .doc or .pdf format. Your .doc/.pdf file name must include your last name.

End of Block: Block Personal Statements

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Q93 **CV or Resume, Advising Report, & Transcripts** Supporting documentation, such as a CV or Resume, a current KU Advising Report or a most recent College Transcript, and unofficial transcripts from all previous institutions, is required. If you have any questions, contact your FLAS Coordinator.

Q94 **Current Curriculum Vitae or Resume** Please upload your Current Curriculum Vitae or Resume. Your Current Curriculum Vitae or Resume must be in either .doc or .pdf format. Your .doc/.pdf file name must include your last name.

Q95 **KU Advising Report or Most Recent College Transcript**  
 Please upload your KU Advising Report or Most Recent College Transcript. Please include Fall 2023 grades. The.pdf file name of your report or transcript must include your last name.

Q96 **Unofficial Transcripts from a Previous School or Program**  
Please upload your Unofficial Transcripts from a previous school or program.

* For Undergraduate Students: High school transcripts
* For Graduate Students: Undergraduate transcripts

You may ask the secretary of your home department to photocopy the transcripts you submitted when you applied for graduate work at the University; do not go to the extreme of ordering new originals. Undergraduate students may obtain copies of their high school transcripts from their advisor. The file name of your transcript includes your last name.

Q97 **Additional Unofficial Transcript (Optional)**  
If you have an additional transcript that you would like to submit, please upload it here. The file name of your transcript includes your last name.

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Q98 **Reference 1** You are required to add 2 references. Your references are responsible for uploading a letter of recommendation for you for your chosen fellowship via the Recommendation Portal due on February 2, 2024.

It is strongly recommended that one of your references is a current or former foreign language educator.   
   
 **PLEASE NOTE:** References will ***NOT*** receive an automatically generated email prompting them to submit a letter on your behalf. It is ***YOUR*** responsibility to send your references/ recommenders the link to the Recommendation Portal.   
   
Letters of recommendation are considered an essential component of the FLAS application, and your application will not be considered complete if your letters are not received; therefore, it is your responsibility to notify references about all procedures and expectations. If you or your recommender/ references experience any technical difficulties, contact your appropriate FLAS coordinator.

Q99 Name of Reference 1\*

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Q100 Professional Title of Reference 1\*

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Q103 Did you notify this reference at Least once?\*

▼ Yes

No

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If Did you notify this reference at Least once?\* = No

Q104 Students are encouraged to speak with references and provide them with materials (e.g. statement of purpose, resume, CV, etc.) well in advance of the application deadline (02/02/2024).

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If Did you notify this reference at Least once?\* = No

Q105 I commit to notify my reference and provide them with materials well in advance of the application deadline (02/02/2024).

* Yes
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Q106 **Reference 2**

Q107 Name of Reference 2\*

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Q108 Professional Title of Reference 2\*

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Q111 Did you notify this reference at Least once?\*

▼ Yes

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Q112 Students are encouraged to speak with references and provide them with materials (e.g. statement of purpose, resume, CV, etc.) well in advance of the application deadline (02/02/2024).

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If Did you notify this reference at Least once?\* = No

Q113 I commit to notify my reference and provide them with materials well in advance of the application deadline (02/02/2024).

* Yes
* NO

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Q114 **How Did You Learn About FLAS?**

Q115 How Did You Learn About FLAS?

▼ flas.ku.edu Website

Language Instructor

Information Session

Classroom Visit

Area Studies Center

Other

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If How Did You Learn About FLAS? = Other

Q116 If "Other," please specify. 200 words max.

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Q117 Is there anything you would like the FLAS Committee to know about you?

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