

## Foreign Language & Area Studies Application



## University of Kansas Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship

### Academic Year 2025-2026 Application

#### **Read Before Beginning**

Thank you for applying for the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship 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. Also, you will 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 Résumé
- KU Advising Report or Most Recent (Unofficial) College Transcript
- (Unofficial) Transcripts From a Previous School or Program
- A Statement that details your financial situation and/or need
- Graduate students who are applying for a FLAS to study a less commonly taught language at the beginner/ elementary level will also need to upload proof of advanced proficiency in another language related to the student's field of study.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

If you have questions or issues, contact your [FLAS coordinator](#).

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**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 your fellowship term. If you believe this to be your situation, notify the appropriate FLAS coordinator right after submitting the application.

U.S. Citizen, National, or Permanent Resident

**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 your fellowship 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.

Name: First Name, Middle Name (if applicable), Last Name

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

Current Degree Status

### Contact Information

Provide the most recent information at this time; the FLAS Coordinators recognize that

some details are subject to change.

KU/College Email

Alternate Email

Cell Phone (FLAS Coordinators may contact you on your cell phone in urgent cases)

Current Street Address

City

State

ZIP Code

**Block KU Student or Not**

Are you a current KU student?

- Yes
- No

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

- Yes
- No

Have you been admitted to KU yet?

- Yes
- No

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

### Block Current School

## Current School Information

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

Full Name of Current School/ Institution

Tuition Status at KU

Major/ Discipline (Example: Accounting, English, Film, Engineering). If you are a double major, please choose the one that is most relevant to this application.

### Degree Program

- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Health Services
- Law
- Library
- Public Administration/ Policy
- Social Work
- Other

Expected Graduation Date (mm/yyyy)

Cumulative GPA

### Block Previous School Information

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#### 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.

Full Name of Institution

Major/ Discipline

Degree Program

- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Health Services
- Law
- Library Science
- Public Administration/ Policy
- Social Work
- Other

Date of Graduation (mm/yyyy)

GPA

### Previous School Information 2 (OPTIONAL)

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.

Full Name of School/ Institution

Major/ Discipline

Degree Program

- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Health Services
- Law
- Library Science
- Public Administration/ Policy
- Social Work
- Other

Date of Graduation (mm/yyyy)

GPA

**Block Fellowship Information**



# AY 2025-2026 Fellowship & Program Information

## Fellowship Information

In this section, enter information specific to the fellowship that you are applying for.

The University of Kansas is authorized to offer the following languages during the 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 as soon as possible.

**If applying for multiple AY FLAS fellowships (i.e., for a different language in the same or in a different KU Area Studies Center), a separate AY FLAS 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.
- Graduate students **MAY** engage in **Elementary/ Beginner/ First Year level** study, but **ONLY** when they meet both of the conditions listed below:
  - A. The student already has Advanced Proficiency in another language related to the student's field of study;
  - B. 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.

Which Center are you applying to with the application that you are filling out right now?

Please choose your FLAS language.

- Chinese
- Japanese
- Korean
- Tibetan
- Uyghur
- Other

Please choose your FLAS language.

- Arabic
- Kiswahili
- Wolof
- Yoruba
- Other

Please choose your FLAS language.

- Guaraní
- Haitian Creole
- Kaqchikel Maya
- K'iche' Maya
- Miskitu
- Portuguese

- Quechua
- Tlapanec (Me'phaa)
- Yucatec Maya
- Other

Please choose your FLAS language.

- Bosnian / Croatian / Montenegrin / Serbian (BCMS)
- Czech
- Persian/ Tajik
- Polish
- Russian
- Turkish
- Ukrainian
- Other

Fellowship Type

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

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

**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.

Are you a graduate student (or will you be a graduate student during the 2025-2026 academic year) applying for FLAS to study a language at the beginner/elementary/ first year level?

- Yes  
 No

Have you achieved advanced level proficiency in another foreign language?

- Yes  
 No

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

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.

**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.

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.)

### Block Study Abroad Question

Do you intend to study abroad during your FLAS Fellowship?

- Yes
- No

### Block Study Abroad Program Information

#### Study Abroad Program Information

FLAS funds may only be used to study at a U.S. or foreign accredited higher education institution.

**All study abroad programs, including Student Initiated Programs (SIP), 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.

When do you intend to Study Abroad?

- AY 2025-2026
- In the Fall Semester of 2025
- In the Spring Semester of 2026

Program Name & Affiliated Institution (e.g., Russian at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University in Almaty, Kazakhstan through American Councils)

Program Location

Program Website

Program Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Program End Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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

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

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

## Travel Information

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

Anticipated Departure Date\*

Anticipated Return Date\*

Departure City \*

Departure Country\*

Destination City\*

Destination Country\*

## Block Dissertation Research Overseas

Do you intend to use the FLAS Fellowship Award to conduct dissertation research overseas?

Yes

No

### Block Section Dissertation Research Overseas

Organization Affiliation(s) (maximum 80 words)

Individual Affiliation(s) (maximum 80 words)

Advisor Name

Advisor Email

Dissertation Research Topic

Methodology (maximum 800 words)



Proposed research start date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Proposed research end date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Visa status

- Issued
- Not Applicable

Visa issue date

Research permission status

- Received
- Not applicable

Research permission issued date

## Block Tuition, Financial Aid, Expected Family Contribution

### Estimated Tuition, Financial Aid, Student Aid Index FAFSA

All applicants must apply for a free FAFSA from the U.S. Department of Education and provide their Student Aid Index (SAI). The FLAS Coordinator will check that you submitted a FAFSA and verify the SAI 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 the 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 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.

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.

What is your Student Aid Index (SAI)?

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?\*

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?\*

Estimated Financial Aid Amount\*

Provide more information about any financial aid that you have applied for or expect to receive in AY 2025-2026.

Please upload a pdf that details your financial situation and/or need, including any extenuating circumstances and/or financial hardships. (maximum 350 words). **Your file MUST follow the following naming convention: Statement\_First Name\_LastName (e.g., Statement\_John\_Smith)**

## Block Personal Statements

### 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.

### 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

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

What are your relevant career goals?\*

*50 word minimum; 200 word max.*

How does the language and area studies component of the fellowship support your

career goals?\* 50 word minimum; 200 word max.

### 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.)*

### Statement of Purpose

A formal two-page, double-spaced statement of purpose is required. Please address all of the following criteria that apply regarding your potential contribution to the field:

- Intent to begin a career in an area of national need (international business, education, NGOs, Foreign Service, government services, etc.)
- Intent to study abroad Intent to pursue an advanced academic or professional degree
- Membership in a historically underrepresented group (including, but not limited to students from community colleges or minority-serving institutions, or first-generation college students)

Please upload your Statement of Purpose. Your Statement of Purpose must be in .pdf format. **Your file MUST follow the following naming convention: Statement\_First Name\_LastName (e.g., Statement\_John\_Smith)**

## Block Documents- Application Materials

# 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.

### Current Curriculum Vitae or Résumé

Please upload your Current Curriculum Vitae or Résumé. Your Current Curriculum Vitae or Resume must be in .pdf format. **Your file MUST follow the following naming convention: CV/Resume\_First Name\_LastName (e.g., CV\_John\_Smith)**

### KU Advising Report or Most Recent (Unofficial) College Transcript

Please upload your KU Advising Report or Most Recent College Transcript. Please include Fall 2024 grades. **Your file MUST follow the following naming convention: RecentTranscript/AdvisingReport\_SchoolName\_First Name\_LastName (e.g., Transcript\_KU\_John\_Smith)**

### (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

**Your file MUST follow the following naming convention:**

**Transcript\_Previous\_SchoolName\_First Name\_LastName (e.g., Transcript\_KU\_John\_Smith)**

### **Additional (Unofficial) Transcript (Optional)**

If you have an additional transcript that you would like to submit, please upload it

here. **Your file MUST follow the following naming convention: Additional**

**Transcript\_SchoolName\_First Name\_LastName (e.g., Transcript\_KU\_John\_Smith)**

## **Block References**

### **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 7, 2025.

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 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 references experience any technical difficulties, contact your appropriate FLAS coordinator.

Name of Reference 1\*

Professional Title of Reference 1\*

School/Organization\*

Email of Reference 1\*

Did you notify this reference at least once?\*

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 (02/07/2025).

I commit to notify my reference and provide them with materials well in advance of the application deadline (02/07/2025).

- Yes  
 No

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## Reference 2



Name of Reference 2\*

Professional Title of Reference 2\*

School/Organization\*

Email of Reference 2\*

Did you notify this reference at least once?\*

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I commit to notify my reference and provide them with materials well in advance of the application deadline (02/07/2025).

- Yes
- NO

### Block FLAS Award History

Have you received a FLAS Fellowship Award in the past? Please mention the language(s) for which you've received the FLAS award(s), the dates and fellowship type(s) of your award(s), as well as the name(s) of the center(s) and/or institution(s) that have awarded you the FLAS fellowship(s).

Do you intend to or have you already applied for an academic year FLAS award through a different center during this application cycle? Please specify.

## Block How did you hear about FLAS

### How Did You Learn About FLAS?

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If "Other," please specify.



**Click the blue arrow below to submit the application. You will receive a confirmation email after submission.**

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