Foreign Language & Area Studies Application

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

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS)

Summer 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 CLACS FLAS Coordinator 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).**

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.
- Documentation regarding the contact hours of the program you choose.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

If you have questions or issues, contact Mary Raple (mraple@ku.edu).

Block profile

Profile

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

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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, Last Name

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

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Current Degree Status

[dropdown ▾]

Contact Information
Provide the most current information at the time of application.

KU/College Email

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Alternate Email

[   ]

Cell Phone (FLAS Coordinator 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 current information at the time of application.

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 Program Information

Program Information

The following are some examples of intensive summer language programs for which FLAS funds can be used:

- **Summer Intensive Language Study** (e.g., Quechua language study at the University of Kansas)
- **Summer Language Study at a U.S. Institution, on-site, in person** (e.g., Yucatec Maya language study at University of North Carolina)
- **Summer Language Study at a U.S. Institution, online, synchronous** (e.g., Quechua language study at University of Kansas)

- **Summer Language Study Abroad** (e.g., Summer Intensive Yucatec Maya at the University of North Carolina)
- Other
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Please describe the summer intensive language program of your planned FLAS fellowship. Please mention the institutional affiliation of your program.

Program website

Program location(s)

Program start date

Program end date

Number of weeks

Number of contact hours (contract Mary Raple for the definition of "contact hours").

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Please note that summer programs require 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. For this reason, you must 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. **Your pdf file MUST use the following naming convention: ContactHours_First Name_LastName (e.g., ContactHours_John_Smith)**

Block Previous School Information

Previous School 1

If you have attended more than one institution of higher education (vocational school, community college, university, etc.), provide information about your 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 School / Institution

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Major/ Discipline

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Degree Program

○ Business

○ Education
○ Engineering
○ Health Services
○ Law
○ Library Science
○ Public Administration/ Policy
○ Social Work
○ [   ] Other

Date of Graduation (mm/yyyy)

[   ]

GPA

[   ]

Previous School 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

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Major/ Discipline

[   ]

Degree Program

○ Business
○ Education

- ○ Engineering
- ○ Health Services
- ○ Law
- ○ Library Science
- ○ Public Administration/ Policy
- ○ Social Work
- ○ [   ] Other

Date of Graduation (mm/yyyy)

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GPA

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Block Fellowship Language 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 languages listed below during the summer 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 Mary Raple as soon as possible.

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:
    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 you are filling out right now?

[dropdown select ▾]

Please choose your FLAS language.
- ◯ Guaraní
- ◯ Haitian Creole
- ◯ Kaqchikel Maya
- ◯ K'iche' Maya
- ◯ Miskitú
- ◯ Portuguese
- ◯ Quechua
- ◯ Tlapanec
- ◯ Yucatec Maya/Yucatec Maya

○ [_____] 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 summer 2026 term) 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.

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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 Mary Raple 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.)*

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Block Study Abroad Question

Study Abroad Program Information

Do you intend to study abroad during your Summer 2026 FLAS Fellowship, or is part of your summer intensive language study taking place abroad?

◯ Yes

○ No

Block 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.

Program Name & Affiliated Institution (e.g., Summer Intensive Quechua at the University of Kansas)

Program Location

Program Website

Program Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Program End Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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

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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*

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Destination Country*

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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) -A FAFSA from year 2025 or year 2026 can be used.- 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 Summer 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 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 information.

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.

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What is your Student Aid Index (SAI)?

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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 for the Summer term?*

[⌄]

Will you apply for, have you applied for, or do you expect to have financial aid, including scholarships, fellowships, tuition waivers, grants or loans, etc for the Summer term?*

[⌄]

Estimated Financial Aid Amount*

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Provide more information about any financial aid that you have applied for or expect to receive in the Summer term 2026.

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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 use the following naming convention: Financial Situation_First Name_LastName (e.g., Statement_John_Smith)**

Block Personal Statements

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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 min.; 200 word max.

[textarea]

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

[textarea]

Reason for Program Selection

Provide a concise statement about why you have selected the particular program of study that you are applying for. The FLAS Selection Committee will consider the response in addition to the Statement of Purpose. *50 word min., 200 word max.*

[textarea]

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 use 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 Resume

Please upload your Current Curriculum Vitae or Résumé. Your Current Curriculum Vitae or Resume must be in .PDF format. **Your file MUST use 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 2025 grades. **Your file MUST use the following naming convention: Transcript/AdvisingReport_SchoolName_First Name_LastName (e.g., Transcript_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_Previous_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 use the following naming convention: Additional 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 8, 2026.

It is **STRONGLY** recommended that one of your references be your 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 Mary Raple.

Name of Reference 1*

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Professional Title of Reference 1*

[   ]

School/Organization*

[   ]

Email of Reference 1*

[   ]

Did you contact this reference at least once?*

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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 (02/08/2026).

I commit to notify my reference and provide them with materials well in advance of the application deadline (02/08/2026).

○ Yes

○ No

Reference 2

Name of Reference 2*

[   ]

Professional Title of Reference 2*

[   ]

School/Organization*

[   ]

Email of Reference 2*

[   ]

Did you contact this reference at least once?*

[⌄]

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○ Yes

○ NO

Block FLAS Award History

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Have you received a FLAS Fellowship 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 (Summer or AY), as well as the name(s) of the Center(s) and/or institution(s) that have awarded you the FLAS Fellowship(s).

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Do you intend to or have you already applied for a Summer FLAS Fellowship through a different Center during this application cycle? Please specify.

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Block How did you hear about FLAS

How did you learn 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.