

Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships
APPLICATION FORM FOR 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR
Please see instructions on attached sheet for additional application requirements

Indicate the Center(s) to which this FLAS Fellowship Application is being made:

Center for Latin American and
Caribbean Studies

Middle East Studies Center

Are you also applying to another center? Yes No If yes, which center/language? _____
BE SURE TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE APPLICATION TO EACH CENTER TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING.

Signature of candidate's _____
Director of Graduate Studies
(or equivalent) -- *this is required.*

Please note that this signature indicates your School's agreement to accept the cost of education allowance in lieu of full tuition and fees for the FLAS Fellow. The fellowship provides up to \$18,000 toward tuition and fees for the academic year. The balance must be covered by the student's School.

I. General Information

Name (Last, First, Middle) _____

Citizenship status US citizen US permanent resident
If you are not a US citizen or US permanent resident, STOP. You are not eligible for this fellowship.

Department Name _____

Your Telephone # _____ E-mail Address _____

Permanent Home Address _____
and Telephone # _____

Duke Unique ID Number _____

Date of Birth _____

II. Academic Information

Duke Degree Program _____
(include department & field of study)

Year in Program _____

Degrees received or planned, _____
dates of completion or planned _____
completion, and fields of _____
study for each degree

Advisor (if appropriate) _____

Specify planned academic activities during proposed fellowship period (i.e., full-time course work, overseas dissertation research or dissertation write-up)

III. Language Training

Language to be studied under fellowship

Number of years/semesters you have studied this language

Other languages you have studied and number of years/semesters studied

IV. Language Proficiency

Please evaluate your current proficiency in the language which you plan to study or use during the fellowship period. Please check the most appropriate box for each category: speaking and listening, reading, and writing. All Centers reserve the right to require proficiency testing at Duke before or after an award is made.

Speaking and Listening

- Unable to function in the spoken language
- Able to satisfy basic survival needs and maintain very simple conversation on familiar topics
- Able to satisfy routine social demands and limited work requirements
- Able to participate effectively in most formal and informal conversations on practical and social topics and on professional topics in restricted contexts
- Able to use the language fluently and accurately on all levels pertinent to professional needs
- Use of the language is functionally equivalent to a well-educated native speaker

Reading

- No practical ability to read the language
- Sufficient comprehension to read very simple connected written material in a form equivalent to usual printing or typescript
- Sufficient comprehension to read simple, authentic texts on subjects within a familiar context
- Able to read within a normal range of speed and with almost complete comprehension a variety of authentic prose material on unfamiliar subjects, as well as technical material
- Able to read fluently and accurately all styles and forms of the language pertinent to professional needs, including all materials in one's special fields
- Reading proficiency is functionally equivalent to a well-educated native speaker

Writing

- No functional ability in writing
- Sufficient control of the writing system to meet limited needs
- Sufficient control of the writing system to meet most survival needs and limited social demands
- Ability to write with some precision and in some detail about most common topics
- Able to use the language effectively in most formal and informal written exchanges on practical, social, and professional topics
- Writing proficiency is equal to that of a well-educated native speaker

V. Career Goals

Please indicate your career goals by checking all that apply below (this information is needed for reporting to the funding agency):

Elementary/secondary education	Federal government	Foreign government
Graduate study	Higher education	International organization in US
International organization outside	Private sector: for profit	Private sector: not-for-profit
State/local government	US military	Unknown

VI. Letters of Recommendation

List the name and e-mail address of each recommender who will be writing to us on your behalf:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

VII. Signature and release of FAFSA information

We must receive the Student Aid Report from the most recent Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as part of all FLAS Fellowship applications. Your signature below grants us permission to receive this information.

Applicant Signature

Date

Please submit this completed form together with other required application materials as e-mail attachments to Natalie Hartman (njh@duke.edu) for the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies or Griffin Orlando (griffin.orlando@duke.edu) for the Duke University Middle East Studies Center.

****APPLICATION IS DUE FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2025, 5:00 P.M.****

IMPORTANT: The availability of AY FLAS Fellowships for 2025-2026 and beyond will be contingent upon confirmation of funding from the U.S. Dept of Education.

