

## Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships for Graduate Students at Tulane University

The U.S. Department of Education's Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) grant provides funding to the Stone Center for Latin American Studies to assist meritorious graduate students, and most recently undergraduate students, in the study of Portuguese, Haitian Creole and indigenous Latin American languages. Each fellowship consists of a payment to cover the program cost and stipend for subsistence that goes directly to the student. At Tulane, graduate students are eligible for academic year FLAS fellowships (see <http://stonecenter.tulane.edu/> "Grants & Funding") and summer fellowships. Recently, the reauthorization of the **Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008** (HEOA) allows us to award FLAS fellowships to undergraduate students. Summer FLAS fellowships are awarded to qualifying applicants to attend pre-approved intensive summer language programs to study at the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels of Portuguese, Haitian Creole and approved indigenous Latin American languages such as Kaqchikel Maya. The following FAQ attempts to answer questions regarding what the FLAS fellowships fund and how an undergraduate student can apply.

### 1. What is a summer FLAS fellowship for a graduate student?

*The FLAS fellowship allows an graduate student to apply for funding to attend a summer program, pre-approved for FLAS funding only, to study Portuguese, Haitian Creole, or an approved indigenous Latin American language, such as Kaqchikel Maya, at the intermediate or advanced level. The fellowship is only for study in the summer and the program must be pre-approved as a FLAS "fundable" program. Beginning level summer FLAS fellowships are awarded mostly for the study of indigenous Latin American languages since Tulane has an academic year program in Portuguese and Haitian Creole. Consult the Stone Center website or contact Stone Center staff for more information on programs which are considered approved for FLAS funding.*

### 2. What does a graduate summer FLAS fellowship cover?

*The Stone Center will pay the program fee for a summer intensive language program up to \$5,000. The program fee **MUST NOT** include housing or meals. Each student also receives a subsistence stipend of \$2,500 from which housing, meals and transportation is paid. The subsistence stipend is a fixed amount pre-determined by the U.S. Department of Education and cannot be changed based on where a student is going to study. Please note that when applying, you must list the program price and housing/meals price for the program separately on the FLAS application. A FLAS grantee is expected to pay for the housing/meals price of a program from the subsistence stipend awarded.*

*If a graduate student is applying for a FLAS fellowship for beginning level study of an indigenous Latin America language for which there is a program offered in the United States, that student **MUST** attend the program in the U.S. as a beginning level learner according to U.S. regulations. Students awarded fellowships for study at the*

*intermediate or advanced level of a language are eligible to attend a summer study abroad intensive language program although the program must be pre-approved as FLAS “fundable”.*

*Although federal regulations permit the use of FLAS funds above the \$2,500 stipend allocation to cover airfare expenses to and from the program location, it is Tulane’s practice to award as many full FLAS fellowships first and to consider any supplemental airfare awards ONLY IF any extra funds are available.*

### **3. Who is eligible to apply for a graduate FLAS fellowship?**

*Any graduate student at Tulane University who wants to attend an approved intensive language summer institute to study Portuguese, Haitian Creole or an indigenous Latin American language at the intermediate or advanced level may apply for a FLAS fellowship. The program that the student is applying for MUST be pre-approved as being a FLAS “fundable” program. SEE ABOVE for special restriction regarding beginning-level study. Currently-enrolled graduate students from other universities are also eligible to apply.*

### **4. How does a student apply for a summer FLAS fellowship?**

*Go to the “Grants & Funding” page of the Stone Center for Latin American Studies website <<http://stonecenter.tulane.edu/>>, follow the directions and pages to download the “Graduate Summer FLAS Fellowship” application. Submit a completed “Graduate Summer FLAS Fellowship” application, an “Graduate Summer FLAS Fellowship Faculty Sponsor Recommendation Form” and an official transcript of course work from the Registrar’s Office by the due date as posted on the Stone Center for Latin American Studies website.*

### **5. How many FLAS summer fellowships are granted at the undergraduate and graduate levels?**

*The number of summer FLAS fellowships awarded depends on the amount of funds available in a given year, the number applicants for summer FLAS fellowships, and the amounts requested to cover program fees. At least one summer FLAS fellowship will be awarded to a qualified undergraduate applicant.*

### **6. Who do I contact if I have any questions?**

*You can contact Jimmy Huck, Assistant Director for Graduate Programs, at <[jhuck@tulane.edu](mailto:jhuck@tulane.edu)>. He is also available via telephone at 865-5164 or by appointment in 100 Jones Hall.*



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