



**South Asia Program
170 Uris Hall
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY 14853**

SUMMER 2009 -- Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS)

INTRODUCTION

The Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) Program assists students in pursuing training in order to acquire a high level of competence in one or more languages critical to national needs of the United States, and a fuller understanding of the areas, regions, or countries in which that language is commonly used. The following languages are expected to be approved by the U.S. Education Department in the world areas involved:

SOUTH ASIA: Summer 2009: Nepali at Cornell, Sinhala, Tamil, Hindi-Urdu, Bengali at SASLI (U of Wisc/Madison). For other approved summer language programs at SASLI, contact SA Program Manager, direct (607) 255-8493 for further details.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (based on current program regulations):

Funding for summer FLAS is available for intensive language study only. Recipients may study in a U.S./ED approved program either in the U.S. or abroad and funding covers instruction at any level for less commonly taught languages. Courses must offer at least 120 hours of class instruction and last a minimum of six weeks for advanced language and 140 hours for the beginning/intermediate level. Applicants should consult SAP for details and eligibility of the intensive language program that interests them.

An applicant must:

1. Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States;
2. Have earned a baccalaureate or comparable degree before the fellowship begins;
3. Show potential for high academic achievement based on indicators such as grade point average, class ranking, or a similar measure that the institution may determine;
4. Agree to pursue full-time study in accordance with the university's requirements during the entire award period, and agree to study language and area studies during the tenure of the award;
5. Be accepted for (or enrolled in) graduate level training in foreign languages and appropriately related area studies in a center or program which has received fellowship funding (e.g. South Asia, East Asia, etc);
6. Demonstrate the extent to which the necessary language training requirements have been met.

NOTE: Lowest priority will be given to a candidate who is a native speaker of the language for which an award is sought.

7. The fellowship may be used overseas only if:

a) The candidate has received prior approval from the U.S. Secretary of Education to enroll in an advanced language program overseas established by a U.S. institution; or

b) The candidate has received prior approval from the U.S. Secretary of Education to undertake Ph.D. dissertation research that cannot be done in the United States.

Application (attached) is made through the **South Asia Program**. Applications are reviewed by the South Asia Program for ranking as awardees and alternates.

Please note:

1. In completing the preliminary application, the applicant should **reference any attachments** submitted. **Include** on any separate attached pages: **Name, Summer 2009 FLAS**, area program of interest (**South Asia**), and the **item number** being referenced to the application.

2. A continuing Cornell graduate student applying for a FLAS award must also have two letters of recommendation submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies' Office; one from the student's Chairperson or Advisor, and one from another faculty member. Recommenders should send Recommendation Forms directly to the **South Asia Program by April 13, 2009**. (Recommendation Forms are attached to this application).

3. A continuing Cornell graduate student applying for a FLAS award must include an official graduate transcript for any previous semesters study at Cornell.

4. **Incoming graduate students:** Please note that recommendations submitted as part of your Admissions Application will complete this requirement. Please contact the Graduate School to request that they send SA Program photocopies of your recommendations.

5. Funding for summer FLAS is available. Contact the South Asia Program for further details.

6. Official announcement of **Summer 2009** Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship recipients is expected to be made by **April 22, 2009**. Each candidate will be advised of his/her award status. Please keep the South Asia Program informed of your current address to avoid delays in processing your final award notice.

AWARD PROVISIONS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF FELLOWS:

1. FLAS awards are expected to provide a stipend of \$2,500 plus tuition of up to \$4,000 for SUMMER 2009.
2. A Fellow must inform the institution of any change in his/her program of study or academic status.
3. A Fellow must submit to the U.S. Secretary of Education, through the on-line reporting system, a pre-fellowship survey and a final report at the end of his/ her fellowship tenure.

**RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE SOUTH ASIA PROGRAM, 170 URIS HALL, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, NY 14853
"ATTN: FLAS COORDINATOR" BY APRIL 13, 2009**

**APPLICATION FOR SUMMER 2009 HEA TITLE VI
FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIP (FLAS)**

Please type or print legibly.

1. NAME: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

GRADUATE FIELD: _____ E-Mail: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS AFTER MAY 8, 2009 (if changed): _____ PHONE: _____

DEGREE SOUGHT () Ph.D. () M.S./Ph.D. () M.S. () M.A. () specify _____

CITIZENSHIP () United States OR () Resident Alien Registration # _____

ARE YOU AN APPLICANT FOR ADMISSION TO THE CORNELL GRADUATE SCHOOL? () YES () NO

2. LANGUAGE TO BE STUDIED (choose **one** from cover page) _____

3. CAREER OBJECTIVES (check all appropriate responses)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> College and University Teaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary School Teaching | <input type="checkbox"/> International Agency Abroad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary School Teaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Sector Non-profit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Sector-profit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Agency in the US | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Private Service (specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Military | |

4. HAVE YOU RECEIVED PRIOR SUPPORT FROM:

A HEA--TITLE VI (FLAS) () YES () NO If YES, list on a separate page the year the award was granted, name of institution, language studied, and number of months of support. Also specify whether the award supported dissertation research.

5. LIST ON A SEPARATE PAGE ALL OTHER SUPPORT APPLIED FOR SUMMER 2009.

6. LANGUAGE TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: Please submit on an additional page an explanation of why you would like to study this particular language, a complete history of your language and area study, and relevant experience **which is not already indicated on your transcript**. (For those languages requiring prior college level instruction, be sure to demonstrate that the requirement has been met). Include the names of the faculty from whom you received language instruction and, if possible, the titles of the textbooks used, these will assist the faculty reviewing panel. Information about other languages of study related to your proposed academic program and about foreign travel should also be included.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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**FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIP
SUMMER 2009 RECOMMENDATION FORM
FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**

INSTRUCTIONS: Applicant completes Part I. Recommender completes Part II.

I. APPLICANT'S NAME: _____
FIELD: _____

I WAIVE () ; I DO NOT WAIVE () my right of access to this recommendation form under the Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C.A. par. 1232g(a)(1). I understand this form will be used by the South Asia Program solely in its procedures relating to fellowships.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

RECOMMENDER'S NAME: _____

FIELD: _____ ADDRESS: _____

II. RECOMMENDER: Please comment below on the applicant's ability and professional competence in comparison to other individuals whom you have known at similar stages in their career. Use the reverse side of this form if additional space is needed.

RECOMMENDER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT / INSTITUTION
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**RECOMMENDER: PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM BY MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2009
TO THE SOUTH ASIA PROGRAM, 170 URIS HALL, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, NY 14853
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