

**Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships**  
**APPLICATION FORM FOR 2024-2025 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Advisor (if appropriate) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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### III. Language Training

Language to be studied under fellowship

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Number of years/semesters you have studied this language

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

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### 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](mailto:njh@duke.edu)) for the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies or Griffin Orlando ([griffin.orlando@duke.edu](mailto:griffin.orlando@duke.edu)) for the Duke University Middle East Studies Center.

**\*\*APPLICATION IS DUE FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2024, 5:00 P.M.\*\***

**IMPORTANT: The availability of AY FLAS Fellowships for 2024-2025 and beyond will be contingent upon confirmation of funding from the U.S. Dept of Education.**

