ACADEMIC-YEAR EAST ASIA FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES (FLAS) FELLOWSHIPS

About FLAS fellowships
Graduate Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships provide funding to students to encourage the study of critical and less commonly taught foreign languages in combination with area studies, international studies, or international aspects of professional studies. These fellowships are funded with grants from the U.S. Department of Education under Title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008. The purpose of the FLAS program is to promote the training of students who intend to make their careers in college or university teaching, government service, or other employment where knowledge of foreign languages and cultures is essential. Stanford petitions the Department of Education for FLAS fund allocations, and CEAS administers the funds awarded for East Asia-related grants. Stanford Academic-Year East Asia FLAS fellowships support students enrolled in:

(a) formal domestic programs of intensive language study at the intermediate (2nd year) or advanced (3rd year+) level; or
(b) formal overseas programs of intensive language study at the intermediate or advanced level; or
(c) formal overseas programs of intensive study at the beginning level of languages for which appropriate equivalent instruction is not available in the United States.

Academic-year FLAS Funding Amounts
Academic-year FLAS recipients will receive full tuition for their intended program (usually paid directly to the institution), plus a stipend of $15,000. Students may also combine outside grants and fellowships with FLAS awards, and applicants are highly encouraged to look for additional sources of funding in addition to applying for the FLAS fellowship, to increase their chances of receiving funding.

Eligibility
To be considered for a Stanford East Asia FLAS fellowship, an applicant must:

(a) Be a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S. or a permanent resident of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.
(b) Be enrolled in an advanced degree program at Stanford University during the award period.
(c) Be a masters or doctoral student in the school of Humanities and Sciences, Earth Sciences, Education, Engineering, or Law. Students from the GSB and School of Medicine must check with the program administrator for eligibility.

In East Asian Studies, eligible program languages are Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. Additional Asian languages may be eligible on a case-by-case basis. Recipients must agree to enroll in both language and Area Studies courses during the award period, and agree to devote the entire award period to full-time study, in accordance with university requirements, without employment or research for which payment might be received, unless it can be shown that the employment does not prolong the time normally required for completion of study.
Selection Criteria
FLAS Fellowships are awarded competitively on merit basis through an annual fellowship competition administered by the Center for East Asian Studies. Applications are judged first by a faculty committee at the Center, and then approved by the Department of Education. All awards are subject to final Department of Education approval. Current Department of Education selection guidelines state that:

- High priority is given to applicants in a wide variety of humanities and social sciences disciplines, as well as all professional schools, who are likely to pursue government service or enter a profession.
- Priority is given to language study as opposed to dissertation research/writing.
- Lower priority is given to students who already possess language fluency equivalent to educated native speakers in the language for which the award is sought.
- Lowest priority is given to students who have taken fewer than 12 semester hours (or 18 quarter hours) or the equivalent in Chinese, Japanese, or Korean.

Stanford selection committee priority will be to support advanced language training (3rd year or above).

Application Process

Step I
Complete and submit the online application form

Step II
Mail or drop off the following documents to CEAS before 5:00 p.m. on the date listed online:

1. Application Form
   Print a copy of your completed online application form and include it with your supporting materials.

2. Statement of Purpose
   Provide a description between 300 and 500 words discussing your career goals and the significance of the proposed language and area studies training to these goals.

3. Recommendation Letters
   Provide three letters of recommendation from faculty members with close knowledge of your work or language potential (mailed to the address below or emailed to Christine Chen at cmt.chen@stanford.edu).

4. Current Transcript
   Include a copy of your latest transcript (unofficial copy accepted).*

5. Program Brochure
   Include the brochure or URL for the language program you intend to enroll in, if a non-Stanford program.

Forms and supporting materials should be sent to:

Academic Year FLAS
Center for East Asian Studies
615 Crothers Way
100 Encina Commons
Stanford, CA 94305

* Applicants who are simultaneously applying to the East Asian Studies M.A. program at Stanford do not need to resubmit letters of recommendation or copies of their transcript.