

FACT SHEET: ACADEMIC YEAR (AY) FLAS

Please carefully review this fact sheet and retain for future reference.
(Don't include it with application.)

**Student: All application materials are turned in to your Graduate Coordinator
or the Chair of your Department.**

*Academic Year FLAS awards are contingent upon UMaine receiving annual FLAS funding from the
Department of Education for each award period.*

DETAILS

- Awardees must schedule to take a proficiency test in September of the first year of their award, and in June of the first and subsequent years for which FLAS awards are renewed
- Students awarded an Academic Year FLAS will receive up to 9 credits in tuition and the Canadian-American Center will pay UMaine directly. If the student purchases health insurance from UMaine, the AY FLAS will provide a 50% waiver. (No waiver if purchased from another source.)
- The FLAS fellow will directly receive \$20,000 for living expenses (room, board, books, supplies, travel costs, and processing fees.)
- There are two categories of AY FLAS awards:
 - 1.) Students completing course work for the M.A. or the Ph.D
 - Awardees must be enrolled full-time at 6 credits per semester, for the duration of their award.
 - The course of study for each semester must include 3 credits in the chosen language and 3 credits of Canadian Studies courses. These courses will be taken for grades, not Pass/Fail.
 - 2.) Students researching their thesis or dissertation
 - M.A. or Ph.D. candidates can apply to conduct thesis or dissertation research in Canada. [The FLAS coordinator will apply to the FLAS grantor (US DOE) for student's permission to conduct research at Canadian institution or university]

Application Dates:

Submit all application materials in English, and on or before the due date.

Application deadline: **February 15th** for funding to commence in September of that same year.

Awards are made in April of each year.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to apply for a FLAS fellowship, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Be a citizen or eligible permanent resident of the United States, or be in the process of becoming a citizen or permanent resident of the United States (in the latter case, immigration documentation is required)
- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a full-time program at UMaine. Graduate students must be working on a Canadian related subject.
- All overseas programs of study must be at the intermediate or advanced level of language proficiency and must be approved by the U.S. Department of Education at least thirty days prior to the start of the program.

REQUIREMENTS ONCE AWARDED AN ACADEMIC YEAR FLAS

Once a student is awarded an Academic Year FLAS, the student shall understand he or she has accepted a US government grant which requires on-line self reporting.

And, the student shall have to meet the following conditions:

- Be enrolled in one language course (French or Wabanaki) and one graded Canadian studies course per semester for two semesters

OR

- Be engaged in graduate research in Canada, in the international aspects of professional (or other) fields of study.
- Students who apply to pursue graduate research must conduct the research in their chosen language and must improve their language proficiency equivalent to one year's worth of language study.
- And, they must arrange with the Canadian-American Center FLAS Coordinator for a pre- and post-fellowship language proficiency evaluation.

- FLAS fellows must complete an electronic Pre Self-Evaluation upon receiving the award, and then a Student Performance Report at the end of the fellowship. (Access details and reminders will be provided) No exceptions. Late submission precludes future participation.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR AY FLAS

STUDENTS: Forward completed application packages to your Graduate Coordinator or Department Chair

GRADUATE COORDINATOR OR CHAIR: all materials to the FLAS Coordinator:

Aaron Lefebvre, Administrative Specialist at the Canadian-American Center: aaron.lefebvre@maine.edu

___ Cover Sheet prepared by your department's Graduate Coordinator

___ Completed Academic Year FLAS application

___ Two letters of recommendation:

___ Official transcript

___ **For Master's students:** a statement of purpose, one page double-spaced. In your statement, please discuss the following: 1) how the study of your chosen language and Canadian studies fits into your overall academic program and career goals; 2) what you have chosen to research; 3) what specific things you plan to do during the fellowship period; and 4) how these activities contribute toward your academic and career goals

For Doctoral students: in addition to the statement of purpose described above for Master's students, please provide an abstract for your project

___ Federal student aid report (SAR) or UMaine Office of Financial Aid award letter

___ IF you are applying to conduct graduate research in Canada, include these: a) Project description signed by your academic advisor; b) Dates of travel to Canada; c) Name of Canadian institution where you will be affiliated, and institution contact person