

FACT SHEET: Summer FLAS

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

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Summer FLAS Fellowship program is designed to provide merit-based awards to graduate students undertaking training in French at the Intermediate or Advanced level, or to graduate and undergraduate students training at any level in less commonly taught Canadian languages including First Nations languages, Michif, and Inuktitut.

The Summer FLAS award should provide each fellow with the equivalent of a full academic year of language instruction. All language instruction programs must meet for a minimum of 6 weeks.

Summer awards are specific for French language instruction and are not available for dissertation research.

Summer FLAS awards are contingent upon UMaine receiving annual FLAS funding from the US Department of Education for each award period.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

See Application Checklist & Submission Guidelines at the end of this document. Submit all application materials, in English, on or before the due date. All application materials are turned in to your Graduate Coordinator, who nominates you with a Cover Sheet.

Application deadline: February 15

Awards are made on April 1st of each year. Funding commences in June of that same year.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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

- ✓ Be a US citizen or permanent resident
- ✓ Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a full-time program of graduate studies at the University of Maine
- ✓ Agree to full-time formal intensive summer language study. Students at the intermediate level must have at least 140 contact hours while advanced students must have at least 120 contact hours of language study.

REQUIREMENTS ONCE AWARDED A SUMMER FLAS

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

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

- Be enrolled in a formal summer program that provides the equivalent of one academic year of advanced language training. (See the Canadian-American Center's link under *Graduate Students* for a suggested list of language programs to consider.)
- Students who apply Summer FLAS fellowship awards to study at a Canadian university must be at the intermediate or advanced level in language proficiency, and must be approved by the US Department of Education.
- Student's proficiency level will be assessed as measured by the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines.
- Intermediate level programs must provide a minimum of 140 hours of language instruction. Advanced level programs must provide a minimum of 120 hours of language instruction.

- Students are responsible for meeting summer language program admissions and registration deadlines, if applicable.
- Students must provide the Canadian-American Center FLAS Coordinator with a website or brochure which indicates a start date, end date, and number of hours of language study of the selected program. The program the student selects must be taken for grades, not Pass/Fail.
- Students awarded a Summer FLAS will receive up to \$5000 in tuition and the Canadian-American Center will pay tuition to the selected language program directly.
- The FLAS fellow will directly receive \$2,500 for living expenses (room, board, books, supplies, travel costs, and processing fees.)
- FLAS fellows must provide to the FLAS Coordinator the results of the placement test administered by the intensive French language program in which they will be participating.
- And, they must arrange with the Canadian-American Center FLAS Coordinator to take a proficiency test at the conclusion of the 6 weeks of study.
- 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

- Cover Sheet prepared by your department's Graduate Coordinator
- Completed Summer FLAS application
- One letter of recommendation, preferably from a language instructor or Canadian Studies professor
- Transcript
- Statement of purpose, one page double-spaced. Please discuss the following:
 - 1) how the study of French language and Canadian studies fits into your overall academic program and career goals;
 - 2) what you have done so far toward these goals;
 - 3) what specific things you plan to do during the fellowship period; and
 - 4) how these activities contribute toward your academic and career goals
- Brochure, website printout, or other information describing your selected language summer program which meets the requirements of 6 weeks of study (140 classroom hours for intermediate level or 120 classroom hours for advanced level)

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

STUDENTS: Forward completed application packages to your Graduate Coordinator.

GRADUATE COORDINATOR: Forward FOUR (4) copies of all materials to the FLAS Coordinator:

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