The Center for Latin American Studies at Vanderbilt University receives funding from the Department of Education to support Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Awards for Intensive Studies of Portuguese or indigenous Latin American languages.

Fellowships provide tuition expenses for the study of Portuguese, K’iche’, or another indigenous language (up to $5,000) and a stipend of $2,500. Any graduate or undergraduate student with Luso-Brazilian or indigenous language-related interests and who is a U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident is eligible to apply.

Eligibility and application guidelines:

1. Summer FLAS fellowships support students enrolled in:
   a. Formal domestic programs of intensive language study at the beginning, intermediate or advanced 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 instruction is not available in the United States

2. Only U.S citizens or permanent residents are eligible to receive FLAS awards.

3. Recipients must be full-time students in a graduate, professional or undergraduate degree-granting program. Non-Vanderbilt students are eligible to apply, but preference will be given to Vanderbilt students (see #5).

4. Student applicants must be in good academic standing and have at least a current cumulative 2.5 GPA.

5. Funding priorities in order of importance are:
   a. Study of K’iche’ through the Mayan Language Institute in Guatemala (Vanderbilt/UNM/UT/Chicago/Tulane)
   b. Portuguese Language and Culture in São Paulo, Brazil (Vanderbilt/Tulane)
   c. Study of Portuguese at other approved FLAS programs
   d. Other less commonly taught indigenous languages of Latin America (Yucatec Maya, Nahuatl, Quechua)
   e. Financial need
f. Lowest priority is given to applicants who possess language fluency equivalent to educated native speakers of the language.

6. Undergraduate student applicants applying for funding for overseas language study must provide definitive proof (coursework or language assessment evaluation by a certified instructor) of language ability at the intermediate or advanced level. This does not apply to graduate student applicants (graduate students may be at the beginning level to study overseas, although it is important to note that some language programs do not offer study at the beginning level).

7. Recipients who accept the FLAS fellowship are not eligible to receive any other CLAS summer funding for that summer.

All questions and applications must be submitted electronically to CLAS Assistant Director, Nicolette Kostiw nicolette.m.wilhide@vanderbilt.edu

- Please write in the Subject line of your email: 2018-FLAS-Summer-Application
- Please add to this pdf title your last name (e.g., 2018-FLAS-Summer-Application-Garcia.pdf)

Applications are due by January 15, 2018. Awards will be announced in early March.
I. Personal Information

Name: ________________________________

Campus or home address: ________________________________

E-Mail ________________________________ Phone ________________________________

Department or Program: ________________________________

Academic advisor: ________________________________

Degree being pursued and expected date of graduation: ________________________________

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Please list any university or other financial aid that you receive, and the amount:


Please indicate whether you have applied to other FLAS-granting institutions. If yes, to which institution and for what language?


Classes taken in Spanish, Portuguese, and/or indigenous Latin American language (list the highest level reached first):  

I. Purpose of Study
On no more than one page, briefly discuss your reasons for studying Portuguese in Brazil, K’iche’ Mayan in Guatemala, or another indigenous language in its own country. How are you prepared for such an immersion experience? How will your language study contribute to your professional development? Please indicate if your future career intentions include the possibility of government service.
II. References
Vanderbilt students: Please list two faculty members (with e-mail and phone number) that the selection committee chair can contact for a reference regarding your skills in the language for which you are applying.

1. ________________________________________________________________

2. ________________________________________________________________

Non-Vanderbilt students: please submit one recommendation letter by a faculty member of your institution. The letter is due on January 15, 2018, and must be submitted electronically to CLAS Assistant Director, Nicolette Kostiw, nicolette.m.wilhide@vanderbilt.edu.

III. Program Details
The degree of intensity of the summer language program must be equivalent to one year of college-level language instruction. Generally, this is equivalent to 120 contact hours of advanced level language instruction or 140 contact hours of beginning or intermediate language instruction in programs lasting from 4 to 6 weeks. For a list of approved programs, consult the website of the Consortium in Latin American Studies Programs at www.claspprograms.org, clicking on “Language Instruction.”

Program name/institution/location: ______________________________________

Length of program: ______________________

Contact hours: ______________________