

2025-2026

# Latin American Studies

## Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Award Application

Please complete and return this to the Center for Latin American Studies **by Friday, January 31, 2025**

All application materials must be emailed to **flas@utah.edu**. Please send all materials in one email, and, if possible, in one combined PDF file. The application materials, excluding letters of recommendation, must be sent by the applicant (please do not request for transcripts to be sent to our office). **Note:** Letters of recommendation must be sent directly from the recommender, not the applicant, to flas@utah.edu by the application deadline. This year we request that all applications and associated materials be sent electronically, not mailed physically to our office. For inquires or possible exceptions, please email flas@utah.edu.

### Application Type

- Undergraduate     Graduate (Includes College of Law)  
 PhD

### Which FLAS Award are you applying for?

- Academic Year 2025-2026     Summer 2025  
 Both

### Applicant Information

Name (as found on legal documentation): \_\_\_\_\_

What name would you like us to use to refer to you during this fellowship? \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address: City/ State/ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es) that is checked frequently: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. : \_\_\_\_\_

**Citizenship**     U.S. Citizen     Lawful Permanent Resident Status

### I. Award Application

**For tuition purposes, will you be a resident or non-resident of the state of Utah during the FLAS Fellowship?**

- Resident     Non-Resident

**Are you applying for a FLAS award from another institution that is not the University of Utah?**

- Yes     No

If yes, indicate which university and which language(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Are you applying to additional institutions for a FLAS award?**     Yes     No

If yes, indicate which university and which language(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you submitted a 2025-2026 FAFSA application? (required for FLAS, those who complete the FAFSA will receive Award priority)

Yes

No

**Optional Demographic Information**

\*\*\*Due to the source of our funding for this grant (U.S. Department of Education), we request demographic information from our applicants that we may include in our reporting. Providing this information is voluntary/optional and will not have an impact on your eligibility.

What is your gender identity? \_\_\_\_\_

What pronouns would you like us to use in referring to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you Hispanic or Latina/o/x/e? (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Dominican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American origin, or from another Latin American country regardless of race)

Yes

No

Do you identify as or have origins in any of the indigenous peoples of North, Central, and South America?

Yes

No

If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Please place a check next to the racial categories that you most identify with:

Asian

Black or African American

American Indian or Alaska Native  
(including indigenous people of Central and South America)

Native Hawaiian  
or Other Pacific Islander

White

\_\_\_\_\_

Did your parent(s)/guardian(s) graduate from college?  Multiple parents/  
guardians graduated  One parent/  
guardian graduated  No parent/guardian  
graduated

Have you served or are you currently serving in the U.S. military?  Yes  No

## II. Language Information

Language for which you are applying: \_\_\_\_\_

### What year language courses do you expect to take as a FLAS recipient?

NOTE: Select the level you will begin if awarded, not what you are currently taking. For example, if you are currently enrolled in 1020, you would select 2nd year. Please, keep in mind that in order to be eligible for FLAS, undergraduate students must enroll in a language course at 2nd-year level or higher. Graduate students who plan to enroll in 1st-year language classes must demonstrate advanced proficiency in another language of the region, or language related for their studies.

- 1st year (\*graduate applicants only)                       2nd year (will begin 2<sup>nd</sup> year at beginning of award period)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year (will begin 3<sup>rd</sup> year at beginning of award)                       4<sup>th</sup> year or higher (will begin 4<sup>th</sup> year or higher at beginning of award period)

### \*Graduate Applicants Only

If you are a graduate student applying to study a Latin American language at the 1st-year level, in what other Latin American language(s), or language(s) related for your studies, do you have advanced proficiency? If applicable, please list previous courses taken and/or placement test results.

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How many years have you studied the language you are applying for, and when did you study it? (Please indicate the number of years and corresponding dates, write N/A if none).

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ years                      Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate: \_\_\_\_\_ years                      Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate/Other: \_\_\_\_\_ years                      Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

List all of the courses you have taken in the target language and the grade received (in addition, please list other ways you have learned the language, e.g. spoken at home, lived abroad, tutoring, etc.):

Language(s) spoken at home: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you studied any languages other than those listed previously? (Specify)

\*\*Not all students have studied a foreign language formally. If you have not taken language courses and have been selected as a finalist, you will be contacted by our office and be required to demonstrate your language proficiency.



### III. Academic Information (type "NA" if none)

Please List all Majors and Minors you are currently seeking

List all the institutions of higher education you have attended, the dates you attended, and your GPA for each:

Academic honors, scholarships, or memberships in honor societies. Please indicate the date received.

Relevant activities or research in which you have participated as a student:

Other federally-funded grants or fellowships you have applied for and/or received:

Publications, major papers, or theses you have written or presented. Please include the date.



#### IV. Summer Intensive/Study Abroad (Summer FLAS applicants only)

If you are planning to participate in a summer intensive FLAS eligible program please include the name, website, and a description of the program. Additionally, include the program's costs (including tuition and fees) and ensure it meets Summer FLAS requirements (<https://latin-american-studies.utah.edu/language/flas/summer-awards.php>) before submitting your FLAS application. NOTE: The application process to the summer intensive language programs is separate from the FLAS application. Make sure to check the program's website for information on their academic calendar, application deadlines, and program costs. It is the student's responsibility to apply for admission to the summer intensive language programs.

Summer Award Information: For Learning Abroad programs through the University of Utah, students will be held to the normal commitment deadlines posted on a program's online brochure. Please note, applicants for any of the following programs will need to complete a Learning Abroad application, which includes an application fee, as well as an application with the program directly: SRAS, ISA, CIEE, and AMIDEAST. If you are applying to a non University of Utah program other than SRAS, ISA, CIEE, and AMIDEAST, completing a Learning Abroad application is not required. Applicants will need to check due dates for both Learning Abroad and their program, as these dates vary. Applicants to University of Utah faculty-led programs in Osaka, Japan, Tianjin, China, and Egypt will also need to complete the Learning Abroad application and pay their application fee.

I have read and understand this information:

Yes

No

Please include the Summer Intensive/Study Abroad information (if needed, include information by email when you submit your application):

You must have two letters of recommendation, each accompanied by the letter of recommendation form. Your recommenders must complete that form and email it to [flas@utah.edu](mailto:flas@utah.edu) with their letter. The strongest letters of recommendation come from professors or teachers who know you well. Having one letter to support your academic strengths and one to support your language learning skills is recommended, but not required.

a. Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Email \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_

b. Email \_\_\_\_\_



How did you learn about the FLAS Fellowship?

In two to three sentences provide a brief bio explaining your professional and academic goals.


FLAS recipients are prohibited from completing an internship during a FLAS award period. Additionally, FLAS money cannot be used to pay for internships. If awarded, do you agree to comply with this regulation?

Yes       No



I certify that this information is true, complete, and given in good faith. I understand that if I receive the FLAS Award, I will be held accountable for the information disclosed in this application. Additionally, I understand that, if awarded, I must follow specific FLAS requirements that will be made available at a later date. These requirements include – but are not limited to – submitting a performance report to the US Department of Education as directed by the FLAS coordinator and completing language assessments at the beginning and end of the FLAS period.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Statement of Purpose

In no more than 500 words, provide a statement of purpose that describes how language proficiency and area studies expertise will enhance your educational and/or career goals. In describing your goals, please discuss your short-term and long-term goals. Statement must be typed, and can be attached as a separate document or pasted below.



## Utah Senate Bill 253

As of May 12, 2015, Utah Senate Bill 253 requires many University of Utah scholarship, tuition waiver, or any other form of financial aid recipients to undergo certification of lawful U.S. presence.

Many students who are selected to receive a University scholarship after May 12, 2015, are required by state law to certify under penalty of perjury that they are eligible to receive the scholarship as a U.S. citizen or a citizen of another country who is lawfully present within the United States. Students who have both graduated from a recognized Utah high school and who are awarded a scholarship funded by a private donor are not required to certify their lawful presence before receiving a privately funded scholarship.

Students who are required to certify their lawful presence in the United States must also be submitted to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for verification of their lawful presence within the United States. Once the University submits information to DHS for verification this federal agency may have the legal right to share information with other government agencies. If you do not know whether you are lawfully present within the United States you should seek the advice of an immigration attorney before accepting a University scholarship that requires certification and verification.

### State or Federally-Funded Scholarships, Fellowships, or Other Financial Aid

Any student who receives a scholarship, fellowship, or other state or federally-funded financial aid administered by the University of Utah is required by state law to certify that they are eligible to receive the scholarship as a U.S. citizen or a citizen of another country who is lawfully present in the U.S. If students do not know whether they are in the U.S. lawfully, they should seek the advice of an immigration attorney before accepting an award of financial aid that requires certification and verification.

### Student Citizenship Status (Check one of the following):

U.S. Citizen

Lawfully Present, Non-Citizen of the U.S.

Prior to the disbursement of any scholarship/financial aid, the University of Utah is required by law to verify with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) the lawful presence in the U.S. of students who are not U.S. citizens. Once the University submits a student's information to DHS for verification, this federal agency may have the legal right to share the information with other government agencies.

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Print Name

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Student ID

By signing this application, I certify under penalty of perjury that I am either a U.S. citizen or a citizen of another country who is lawfully present in the U.S. I understand that my status and eligibility for financial aid/scholarship within the U.S. will be verified through the Department of Homeland Security prior to an award of this scholarship/financial aid.

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Applicant Signature



**Application Checklist**

Apply for admission to the U of U: <https://admissions.utah.edu/> or apply to the Utah Nahuatl Language & Culture Program

Apply for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA)

Request official transcripts from all institutions of higher education attended. You can receive the digital transcripts directly yourself and save them as a PDF to be sent with the rest of your application materials here. If you are enrolled in courses for the Fall 2024 semester, please wait until those grades are reflected to request those transcripts.

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Request two letters of recommendation

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