The Columbia University East Asia National Resource Center for the expansion of the study of the languages and culture of East Asia is making a number of Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) summer grants for the study of an East Asian language (Chinese, Japanese, Korean or Tibetan) available to eligible CUNY students.

Summer FLAS fellowships are intended to help students gain the equivalent of a year’s worth of college-level study in their target language. They support students enrolled in formal overseas programs of intensive language study at the 3rd year level (2nd year level for Tibetan) or above.

The summer FLAS Fellowship provides:

- A tuition grant up to $5,000
- A $2,500 stipend

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizens or permanent residents only
- Both graduate & undergraduate students must be at the intermediate or advanced level of the language
- Must be participating in an approved summer intensive language program (for more information on what constitutes an eligible program, please visit the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences website).

Selection criteria:

- Academic excellence
- Commitment to the language, and using it as part of your long-term academic or professional career goals

Applications must include the following items:

- Completed online application form through Columbia's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences’ (GSAS) website
- A one or two page statement of purpose, describing your academic purpose, the role of the proposed language, and how you intend to use the language. The statement should describe how the language and area study will relate to your educational and career goals, and should indicate previous language experience, both formal and informal.
- Two letters of recommendation, preferably from instructors who can comment on your work in the target language and appropriate world area. GSAS prefers that recommenders submit their letters of recommendation electronically to expedite processing. When the applicant enters the name and email of recommenders, the recommenders will automatically receive a letter with a link with the upload information.
- Academic transcripts

For further information contact Lucy March (km3332@columbia.edu), Student Affairs Officer at Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University.

Applications must be received by: 11:59 p.m. on February 26, 2020