

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship

2025-2026 Academic Year Fellowships
Application Submission Deadline:
January 1, 2025

The Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center (LACC) at Florida International University is privileged to announce a conditional call for applications for the 2025-2026 Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center (LACC) according to federal regulations, the FLAS fellowship supports language training in Less-Commonly-Taught Languages (LCTLs), including Portuguese, Haitian Creole, and Quechua. The fellowship assists in the advancement of knowledge, resources, and trained personnel for foreign language and area/international studies and supports the development of a qualified pool of international experts with global competence designed to meet U.S. national needs.

The Academic Year FLAS fellowship covers tuition and fees (up to 12 credits for graduate students; up to 18 credits for undergraduate students) for Fall and Spring semesters. Additionally, fellowship recipients are awarded a stipend (approximately **\$20,000** for graduate students; **\$5,000** for undergraduate students).

Full-time, degree-seeking FIU graduate and undergraduate students in any discipline may apply. Academic Year FLAS Fellowship recipients are required to enroll in at least **one Latin American and Caribbean-related area studies course and one Portuguese, Haitian Creole, or Quechua course** each semester at FIU for the duration of the fellowship period.

Undergraduate student applicants must be prepared to study one of the approved languages at the intermediate or advanced level. Undergraduate students at the beginning level of a language are not eligible. Graduate students may study one of the approved languages (Portuguese, Haitian Creole, or Quechua) at the beginning, intermediate, or advanced levels. However, graduate students applying to study a FLAS language at the beginning level must demonstrate they speak another language from the region, other than English, at the advanced level. Preference will be given to meritorious students at the intermediate or advanced level, as well as those in the professional schools (Business, Law, Medicine, Education, Journalism, Social Work, Engineering, Criminal Justice, Tourism and Hospitality, etc.), and those planning a career in U.S. government service are strongly encouraged to apply.

For more information on the FLAS Fellowship application process, please contact LACC Academic Programs Coordinator, Carlos Tinoco (ctinoco@fiu.edu or 305-348-0967).

2025-2026 Academic Year FLAS
Fellowship Application Form

I. Applicant Personal Data

Full Name: _____ Panther ID# _____

Email: _____ Phone # _____

Place of Birth: _____

Citizenship: _____

(Note: only U.S. Citizens and Permanent U.S. Residents are eligible for FLAS Funding.)

Mailing Address (City, State, ZIPCODE): _____

Permanent Address: _____

II. Academic Record

College and Universities Attended:

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Major and Degree</u>	<u>GPA</u>
--------------------	-----------------------	-------------------------	------------

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Honors received for high scholastic ability (i.e., Phi Beta Kappa, etc.):

Scholarships, Fellowships, or Graduate Assistantships (Including institutions and dates):

Do you speak any language(s) other than English? If so, please list language(s) and level (beginning, intermediate, advanced).

Language Proficiency: Based on available information, please self-assess your competence in the selected FLAS language on a scale of 1 to 10. (1=none 10=fluent)

Language	Speaking	Listening	Comprehension	Reading	Writing
Portuguese					
Haitian Creole					
Quechua					

Language of study proposed for FLAS fellowship:

Portuguese Haitian Creole Quechua

Overall FLAS Language Proficiency:

Beginner Intermediate Advanced

Have you lived, conducted research, or traveled in Latin America and/or the Caribbean?

Yes No

If yes, please give inclusive information below:

Country Dates Purpose

III. FIU Academic Record

To be completed by Undergraduate applicants only

Major	
Minor	
Number of Hours completed at FIU	
Cumulative Undergraduate GPA	
ACT score(s) and percentile(s)	
SAT score(s) and percentile(s)	
Expected graduation semester and year	

To be completed by Graduate applicants only

Degree being sought (i.e. PhD, MA, etc.)	
Discipline/Department	
Field/s of Concentration	
Number of Hours completed at FIU	
Cumulative Graduate GPA	
GRE score(s) and percentile(s)	
LSAT score(s) and percentile(s)	
GMAT score(s) and percentile(s)	
Expected graduation semester and year	

IV. Demonstrated Financial Need

Are you currently a recipient of:

- Pell Grant
- Other Federal funding: _____
- Other Non-Federal funding (State, Local, or Private Organizations):

- N/A

If applicable, please report your official Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) toward your education: _____

Submit this form and the following materials no later than **11:59PM on January 1, 2025**

- FLAS application
- 1 copy of unofficial transcripts
- 1 copy of test scores (ACT, SAT, GRE, GMAT, LSAT, etc.) if applicable
- 2-3 page double-spaced letter of intent that specifically outlines the relevance of Portuguese, Haitian Creole, or Quechua language study and Latin American expertise to your academic, training and career goals.

Application Submission: Applicants must submit all materials electronically as **PDFs** to LACC Academic Programs Coordinator, Carlos Tinoco, at apply_lacc@fiu.edu. No late or incomplete applications will be accepted.