



Critical Language Scholarship

The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program, endorsed by the U.S. Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, is a 7 – 10 week **summer study abroad** experience centered on the development of a critical language. CLS seeks participants from a diversity of backgrounds and career paths, with the goal of building a cadre of Americans who speak critical languages at high levels. Languages offered include Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Turkish and Urdu. The CLS Program is designed for students of all language levels.

Eligibility

Competitive Applicants:

- must be U.S. citizens;
- must be at least 18 years old by the start of the summer program;
- at the time of application, must be enrolled in an accredited degree-granting program at the undergraduate or graduate level at an institution within the U.S./its territories
- must have completed at least one academic year of study at the college level by the program start date (two semesters or three quarters);
- must be in acceptable mental and physical health (Grantees will be required to submit a satisfactory Medical Information Form and Physician's Statement.); and
- must be able to receive a Visa to the CLS institute's host country.

Selection Criteria

- Demonstrate a commitment to continue their language study beyond the scholarship period
- Demonstrate how the language training will be applicable to a future career

Application Requirements

- Each applicant must provide 2 letters of recommendation.
- If applying for a language at the advanced beginning, intermediate, or advanced level, the applicant must also provide a language evaluation form.

Application Deadline

- Mid-November

Additional Information

- Visit: <http://www.clscholarship.org/>

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