



# U.S. Department of State CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



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AZERBAIJANI  
BANGLA  
CHINESE  
HINDI  
INDONESIAN  
JAPANESE  
KOREAN  
PERSIAN  
PUNJABI  
RUSSIAN  
TURKISH  
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## Fully Funded Summer Language Study

The Critical Language Scholarship Program is an intensive overseas language program. For seven to ten weeks each summer, undergraduate and graduate students from across the U.S. live and study at over twenty sites abroad, covering the equivalent of a full year of university-level language study in thirteen critical languages. Levels available for each CLS language are as follows:

- Azerbaijani, Bangla, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Punjabi, Turkish, Urdu: Beginning through advanced levels;
- Arabic, Persian: Advanced beginning, intermediate and advanced levels;
- Chinese, Japanese, Russian: Intermediate and advanced levels.

CLS is part of a U.S. government effort to dramatically expand the number of Americans studying and mastering critical foreign languages. Participants are expected to continue their language study beyond the scholarship period, and later apply their critical language skills in their future professional careers.

The CLS Program is a program of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA).

## Eligibility

All applicants must be U.S. citizens. Applicants must be enrolled in a U.S. degree-granting program at the undergraduate or graduate level. All candidates must have completed at least their first year of university-level study by the beginning of the summer institute.

Students in all disciplines, including business, engineering, sciences, social sciences, and humanities are encouraged to apply. Applications are accepted each fall, September through mid-November, for programs beginning the following summer.

The CLS Program welcomes all eligible applications and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socio-economic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.

## Grant Benefits

All CLS Program costs are covered for participants, including: round-trip domestic and international travel; mandatory pre-departure orientation in Washington, DC; applicable visa fees; room and board; seven to ten weeks of group-based intensive language instruction; course materials; all costs associated with the CLS cultural program; and a small living stipend. U.S. undergraduate academic credit is offered through Bryn Mawr College.

Note: U.S. passport fees will not be paid by the scholarship.

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### INSTITUTE LOCATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Morocco, Oman, Russia, South Korea, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, or other countries where the target languages are spoken.