

## Information on FLAS Funding

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FLAS funding is provided by the Federal Government and is only for US citizens. A certain amount is provided to different offices at MSU who evaluate applicants and make funding decisions. There are three departments at MSU who provide FLAS funding, and you can see more about each center's process by clicking the links.

[Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies](#)

[Asian Studies Center](#)

[African Studies Center](#)

The funding is to learn a certain language as part of a student's research agenda. Most of the FLAS students were in social sciences (history, anthropology, etc.)

There are two types of funding – Summer and Academic Year. Summer funding has two different sets of funding: A stipend to help cover the cost of international travel and a tuition payment to cover the cost of a course. The problem with this funding is that it doesn't generate extra money for a student's personal budget. As a result, I've always pursued additional funding for my own budget.

Academic year fundings pays a student's tuition costs, and provide a \$20,000 stipend. It does not provide health insurance, and so you have to pay for it. I have asked the department for money to help cover my insurance costs over the years when I've had it.

An academic year FLAS requires a student to take two courses per semester – the language course at MSU along with an area course (e.g. something to do with Africa, Asia, Latin America). During the year, one area course can be in the program, while the other cannot. I've taken two history graduate level history seminars, which were interesting but definitely a lot of work. I've also taken the Structure of Bantu and Sociolinguistics to meet my area courses. For the sociolinguistics course, I set up a plan with Suzanne and ran it by the African Studies center.

I've had 3 academic year (two for language learning and one dissertation completion) and 2 summers of funding through African Studies and would be glad to talk through the details with students.