



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



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

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

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

The CLS Program is part of a U.S. government effort to dramatically expand the number of Americans studying and mastering critical foreign languages. Students of diverse disciplines and majors are encouraged to apply. 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.

## 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 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.

## Program Benefits

To promote access to study abroad, the CLS Program covers many of the costs of participating in its overseas institutes, including: round-trip domestic and international travel; mandatory pre-departure orientation in Washington, DC; applicable visa fees; room and board; eight 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 program.

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### INSTITUTE LOCATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

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

