

Critical Language Scholarships for Intensive Summer Institutes

Purpose	A U.S. government effort, through the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, to <i>expand dramatically the number of Americans studying and mastering critical need foreign languages.</i>
Award	
<i>Tenable</i>	At various overseas sites. Sites are specific both in terms of language and the level taught. Languages offered in 2009 were Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla/Bengali, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Turkish and Urdu.
<i>Number & Amount</i>	525 awards in Summer 2008 (but may vary). Funds all program costs, including travel and room & board while abroad. Actual amount varies with the destination.
<i>Duration</i>	Summer program (seven to ten weeks). Most run from early June into August.
Eligibility	
<i>Who</i>	US citizen. Any major so long as the student aspires to apply their critical language skills in their future career.
<i>When</i>	Enrolled undergraduate or graduate students may apply. Undergrads must have completed their first year of classes by the time the program starts.
<i>Selection Criteria</i>	Strong interest in the language. Related career aspirations that are clearly articulated. Language background sufficient for the proposed site. Maturity and cultural awareness consistent with the demands of spending several months abroad.
Campus Deadline	None.
Deadline	November in 2009. Deadline has bounced around since award inception though. Check the website early and often.
Application	Online application. One academic recommendation and one language recommendation OR two academic references if no prior language training. Transcripts.
Contact	Jim Hohenbary can help students with Critical Language Scholarship applications: 112 Eisenhower or (785) 532-6904.
Other	Award was launched in 2006. Interested students should also check out the Boren Scholarship. More information is available at https://clscholarship.org/home.php .