

Critical Language Scholarships for Intensive Summer Institutes

Purpose Funded by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs to *broaden the base of Americans studying and mastering critical languages and build relationships between the people of the United States and other countries.*

Award

Tenable At various overseas sites. Sites are specific both in terms of language and the level taught. Languages offered recently were Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Persian, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Swahili, Turkish and Urdu.

Number & Amount Approximately 600 with roughly 20 in a cohort for each language/level. Funds all program costs, including travel and room & board while abroad. Actual amount varies with the destination.

Duration Summer program (eight to ten weeks). Most run from early June into August.

Eligibility

Who US citizen. 18 and older. Any major so long as the student aspires to apply their critical language skills in their future career. Heritage speakers are eligible to apply if it will benefit their professional development. Must pass a physical.

When Enrolled undergraduate or graduate students may apply. Undergrads must have completed their first year of classes by the time the program starts.

Selection Criteria 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 in an intensive language immersion program.

Campus Deadline None.

Deadline October or November. Check the website early though.

Application Online application. Two mini-essays: how you became interested in the target language and how you will advance your language skills after completing the CLS Summer Institute. Two 500 word essays: how target language is critical to your goals and how you have dealt with a challenging living situation/cultural situation. One academic recommendation and one language recommendation OR two academic references if no prior language training. Transcripts.

Contact Beth Powers can help students with Critical Language Scholarship applications: 207 Leadership Studies or (785) 532-3422.

Other More information is available at <http://clscholarship.org>,

Award was launched in 2006. Interested students should also check out the Boren Scholarship at www.borenawards.org.

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