Critical Language Scholarship

Application Opens in Fall 2018

Overview

- Intensive overseas language and cultural immersion program for American students enrolled at U.S. colleges and universities.
- Students are immersed in a specific language and the culture associated with it for 8 to 10 weeks, learning the equivalent to a full academic years’ worth of curriculum.
- Designed to promote Americans studying foreign languages critical to national security and economic prosperity.
- Recipients of the CLS award will have expenses related to the program paid for in full. This includes tuition, room/board, international/domestic travel, and program activity fees.
- Depending on the language program, applicants are not required to previous experience with language training:
  - **Level 1 (no previous training required)** - Azerbaijani, Bangla, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Punjabi, Swahili, Turkish, Urdu
  - **Level 2 (at least 1 academic year of training)** - Arabic, Persian
  - **Level 3 (at least 2 academic years of training)** - Chinese, Japanese, Russian
- Recipients will have an organized weekly schedule of 20+ hours of language courses, study periods, and cultural immersion activities.
  - This is NOT a study abroad opportunity, but a language immersion opportunity.

Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. citizen at least 18 years by the time of the program start.
- Enrolled in an accredited U.S. degree-seeking program at either an undergraduate or graduate level.
  - Undergraduates must have completed 1 academic year (2 semesters) by time of enrollment.
- Able to pass a physical and mental health assessment.

Materials Required

- Online application must be completed for submission.
- Applicants must choose one language not a specific location.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Official transcript from enrolled program.
- 4 Short Answer Essays, and 1 Statement of Purpose.
- If an applicant is applying to a level 2 or 3 program, they will need to be assessed by a professional of that chosen language to determine academic level.

Additional information can be found at [http://www.clscholarship.org/](http://www.clscholarship.org/) or you can contact Career Education and Development at 724-738-2028.