



# CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP (CLS) PROGRAM

ARABIC  
AZERBAIJANI  
BANGLA/BENGLI  
CHINESE  
HINDI  
INDONESIAN  
JAPANESE  
KOREAN  
PERSIAN  
PUNJABI  
RUSSIAN  
TURKISH  
URDU

## COUNTRIES MAY INCLUDE:

Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Morocco, Oman, Russia, South Korea, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, or others where the target languages are spoken.



A program of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

Outreach and selection are administered by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC). The CLS Program is administered by CAORC and the American Councils of International Education.

## Critical Language Scholarship Program

The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program provides fully-funded group-based intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences overseas each summer for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students. CLS Program languages include Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla/Bengali, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Turkish, and Urdu.

Levels available for each language are as follows:

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

The CLS Program is part of a U.S. government effort to expand dramatically 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 selection process is administered by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) with awards approved by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The CLS Program is administered by CAORC and the American Councils for International Education.

## Eligibility

All applicants must be U.S. citizens. Applicants must be currently 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 CLS Program. Students in all disciplines including business, engineering, sciences, social sciences and humanities are encouraged to apply. Please see detailed eligibility requirements on our website at [CLScholarship.org](http://CLScholarship.org).

The CLS Program welcomes all eligible applications and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability.

## Grant Benefits

All CLS Program costs are covered for participants including: travel to and from the student's U.S. home city and program location, mandatory pre-departure orientation in Washington, D.C., applicable visa fees, room, board, group-based intensive language instruction, program-sponsored travel within country, and all entrance fees for CLS Program cultural enhancement activities. Note: U.S. passport fees will not be paid by the scholarship.

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