

# ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES, BA

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#### CAMPUS RESOURCES

##### Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships (<https://flas.wisc.edu/>)

FLAS fellowships are funded by the US Department of Education and administered by UW–Madison’s National Resource Centers to assist students in acquiring foreign language and either area or international studies competencies. FLAS awards are only available for specific languages (<https://flas.wisc.edu/languages/>) and are contingent on federal funding. Please direct any questions to the FLAS Coordinator (<https://flas.wisc.edu/languages/>) of your chosen language.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States. Applications by students in professional fields are encouraged. Preference will be given to applicants with a high level of academic ability and with previous language training. Academic Year and Summer FLAS awards are two separate competitions requiring two separate and complete applications.

##### Wisconsin Scholarship Hub (<https://wisc.academicworks.com/>)

This is the primary campus-wide portal for applicants, current students, and everyone looking for scholarship opportunities on campus.

##### Undergraduate Academic Awards Office (<https://awards.advising.wisc.edu/>)

We help UW–Madison undergraduates and recent graduates pursue nationally competitive scholarships (<https://awards.advising.wisc.edu/scholarships/nationally-competitive/>) and campus-wide awards (<https://awards.advising.wisc.edu/scholarships/campus-wide/>) for research, service, and leadership–activities at the heart of the Wisconsin Experience. We can help you:

- Find scholarship opportunities that match your goals and interests
- Navigate the scholarship application process
- Review scholarship essays
- Prepare for national scholarship interviews

Contact us (<https://awards.advising.wisc.edu/schedule-an-appointment/>) to schedule an appointment to discuss which opportunities are right for you.

#### NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

##### Boren Scholarships (<http://borenawards.org/>)

Campus Representative: Undergraduates with questions should contact Matt Geisler ([mdgeisler@studyabroad.wisc.edu](mailto:mdgeisler@studyabroad.wisc.edu)), Associate Director of International Academic Programs

These scholarships provide up to \$20,000 to U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central and

Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. (Full list of preferred countries (<https://borenawards.org/eligible-programs/#countries>)) Additionally, all programs must include formal study of an appropriate foreign language. (Full list of preferred languages (<https://borenawards.org/eligible-programs/#languages>)). Undergraduates with questions about the Boren Scholarship should contact Matt Geisler ([mdgeisler@studyabroad.wisc.edu](mailto:mdgeisler@studyabroad.wisc.edu)), Associate Director of International Academic Programs.

##### Critical Language Scholarship Program (<http://www.clscholarship.org/>)

Campus Representative: Mark Lilleleht, Assistant Director for Awards, at [awards@iris.wisc.edu](mailto:awards@iris.wisc.edu)

The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program is part of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. It is a fully-funded overseas intensive language and cultural immersion program for American undergraduate and graduate students. With the goal of broadening the base of Americans studying and mastering critical languages and building relationships between the people of the United States and other countries, CLS provides opportunities to a diverse range of students from across the United States at every level of language learning.

The fourteen CLS languages are: Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, and Urdu.

The CLS Program seeks participants with diverse interests, from a wide variety of fields of study, backgrounds, and career paths, with the purpose of representing the full diversity of the United States. Thus, students from all academic disciplines, including business, engineering, law, medicine, science, social sciences, arts and humanities, are encouraged to apply.

##### Gilman Scholarship Program (<https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/>)

Campus Representative: Andy Quackenbush ([quackenbush@studyabroad.wisc.edu](mailto:quackenbush@studyabroad.wisc.edu)), Advisor, International Academic Programs

The Gilman Scholarship Program is an undergraduate grant program for U.S. citizens of limited financial means to enable them to study abroad, thereby internationalizing their outlook and better preparing them to assume significant roles in the increasingly global economy.

#### WISCONSIN SUMMER LANGUAGE INSTITUTES

Each summer around 200 undergraduate students, graduate students, professionals, and others come to UW–Madison to study a language at the Wisconsin Intensive Summer Language Institutes (WISLI) (<https://wisli.wisc.edu/>). These programs offer high-quality courses in 30 less-commonly taught languages:

Middle Eastern and Mediterranean Language Institute (MEDLI) (<https://wisli.wisc.edu/medli/>)

Central Eurasian Studies Summer Institute (CESSI) (<https://wisli.wisc.edu/cessi/>)

South Asia Summer Language Institute (SASLI) (<https://wisli.wisc.edu/sasli/>)

Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI) (<https://wisli.wisc.edu/seassi/>)

Summer Intensive Portuguese Institute (SIPI) (<https://wisli.wisc.edu/sipi/>)

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Students are encouraged to become engaged in undergraduate research. There are numerous programs (<https://teachlearn.provost.wisc.edu/initiatives-and-programs/undergraduate-research/>) that provide research opportunities for undergraduates at UW–Madison, including:

- Hilldale Undergraduate/Faculty Research Fellowships (<https://awards.advising.wisc.edu/all-scholarships/hilldale-undergraduatefaculty-research-fellowship/>)
- McNair Scholars (<http://grad.wisc.edu/mcnair/>)
- Summer Research Programs (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/prepare/summer-research-opportunity-program/>)
- Undergraduate Research Scholars (<https://urs.ls.wisc.edu/>)
- The Wisconsin Idea Undergraduate Fellowship Program (<https://morgridge.wisc.edu/get-connected-students/wisconsin-undergraduate-idea-fellowships/>)