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FLAS (Foreign Language Area Studies) Fellowship Recipient

Karl's Major: Portuguese, Spanish, and Latin American Caribbean and Iberian Studies

How did you hear about the scholarship? I heard about the FLAS fellowship from a fellow LACIS and Portuguese major. He brought my attention to this fellowship that incentivizes the study of lesser-studied languages, such as Brazilian Portuguese in my case.

What did the application process entail? The application process was fairly straightforward. One had to supply three letters of recommendation, with one submitted by a past instructor of the language in question (Brazilian Portuguese). Also, one had to write a 500 word essay detailing how the study of this lesser-studied language would further your professional aspirations. Another stipulation of the scholarship requires that you and an instructor submit a pre- and post-fellowship evaluation of your language skills.

How did it help you to study abroad? This scholarship covered my tuition for the year abroad in addition to providing me some financial wiggle-room during a year in which I was unable to work.

In addition to your scholarship, what other resources did you use to fund your study abroad experience? I also was awarded two scholarships through IAP: a merit and a study abroad scholarship.



Karl Studied abroad on the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais Exchange program in Belo Horizonte, Brazil .

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