

Application Instructions

Dear Applicant,

Attached are the application forms for the AIIS Advanced Language Program in India. The application forms and deadlines are the same for the summer and academic-year programs and the fall semester program; please specify clearly for which program you are applying.

Summer 2012 Program

The summer program will be for the following languages: Bangla, Gujarati, Hindi, Malayalam, Marathi, Pali/Prakrit, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu, and other languages upon request. The summer program will last for ten weeks from June 10 to August 17, 2012. This program is for graduate and unusually qualified undergraduate students at U.S. colleges and universities; students applying for the regular Hindi and for the Sanskrit programs should have the equivalent of at least two years of prior classroom instruction; students for Prakrit/Pali should have the equivalent of two years of either Sanskrit or Prakrit/Pali; one year is required of applicants for Bangla, second-year Hindi and Tamil; one year of either Hindi or Urdu is required for Urdu students; applicants for other languages may apply at all levels, including the beginning. All students should seek funding from their own institutions (e.g. graduate students should apply for a summer FLAS grant from your own university if that is offered). Note that AIIS has some financial aid available for summer students who cannot get FLAS or other awards.

Important information for applicants for summer Bangla, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu

Please note that all students who are U.S. citizens and who are applying for these four languages for the summer program should also submit applications for a Critical Languages Scholarship (CLS) fellowship, funded by the U.S. State Department. These fellowships cover the full cost of the program. Students should submit both an application to AIIS for admission to the program as well as to CLS for funding for the program. To apply for CLS please go to www.clscholarship.org. Please note that this year's CLS application deadline will be earlier than the AIIS deadline. Those who apply for a CLS but do not receive it may still be admitted to our program and we will work with admitted students to assist them to fund their participation in the program. Elementary Hindi and Urdu will only be offered to those with CLS fellowships. If you have questions, please call 773-702-8638 or email aiis@uchicago.edu

Academic Year 2012-2013 Program

The academic year program will be for Bangla, Hindi, Malayalam, Marathi, Sanskrit, Tamil, and Urdu. The program will begin on September 10, 2012 and will finish at the end of April 2013. Students at U.S. universities with at least two years of study in the language are eligible. In case you are now taking a first-year language course, you can still apply for the 2012-2013 program provided you take an intensive second-year language program in the summer of 2012. Arrangements may be made for programs in other Indian languages if there is interest. A number of modern language fellowships funded by the U.S. Department of Education will be offered for the 2012-2013 program. These fellowships are available to U.S. citizens and permanent residents and cover program fees, airfare and living expenses. Sanskrit students are not eligible for this funding.

Fall Semester 2012 Program

AIIS will offer single-semester instruction in Bangla, Hindi, Malayalam, Marathi, Sanskrit, Tamil, and Urdu, and other languages if there is interest. The program will begin on September 10, 2012 and finish on December 21, 2012. Instruction in Bangla, Hindi and Urdu will be offered at all levels. Students for other languages should have completed two years of language study in order to participate. Fall semester students are eligible for AIIS fellowships only if they have had at least two years of prior language study.

The following materials should be submitted by email attachment to aiis@uchicago.edu by January 31, 2012:

1. Application form
2. One-page statement of purpose
3. Evaluator Worksheet

Mail materials below to AIIS, 1130 E. 59th Street, Chicago, IL 60637. They should be postmarked by January 31, 2012:

1. A check or money order for the \$25 application fee
2. Two passport-size photographs
3. Completed transcripts

The following materials should be submitted by your referees to aiis@uchicago.edu by January 31, 2012:

1. Completed reference forms from two of your teachers
2. Completed language reference from your language teacher

Costs and financial aid

	Summer 2012	2012-2013	2012-2013	Fall 2012
	All participants	Outside funding	Language fellows	Outside funding
Tuition/program fee	\$2,500	\$6000 (\$3,000 deposit required upon acceptance)	0	\$3,000 (\$1,500 deposit required upon acceptance)
air fare	\$1,600-\$2,000	\$1500-\$2000	provided	\$1,500-\$2,000
maintenance	\$900-\$1,000	provided	provided	provided
TOTAL	\$5,000-\$5,500	\$7500-\$8000	0	\$4,500-\$5,000
	Summer FLAS awards from your university normally cover all these costs	Students may cover these costs using outside funding	Your application to the program is also for financial support	Students must procure their own funding for this program

AIIS language students will be housed with local families or in shared flats; the estimated maintenance costs listed above include the cost of housing. Academic year students will receive a monthly stipend in Rupees which should cover all of their basic expenses such as lodging, food, transportation, and clothing. Summer students should receive an adequate amount of money for their maintenance from their FLAS or CLS awards.

Please note again that you are expected to devote all your energies to learning the language while on this program; you will not have time for other academic activities and the approval from the Government of India for the language program precludes carrying out research while on this program. You will find that the thorough grounding in the language that you will achieve will be invaluable to you as you complete your graduate studies and pursue your career goals.

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