Application Instructions

The application forms and deadlines are the same for the summer, semester and academic-year language programs; please specify clearly for which program you are applying.

Summer 2019 Program
The summer program will be for the following languages: Bangla, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Pali/Prakrit, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu, and other languages upon request. The summer program will last for eight weeks from (projected) mid-June to mid-August 2019. This program is for graduate and qualified undergraduate students at U.S. colleges and universities; those who are not enrolled students are eligible to apply but must demonstrate why intensive language study is necessary to further their professional goals. Students applying for the Sanskrit program 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; the equivalent of at least one year of language study is required of applicants for Bangla, 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. 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 Bengali, 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. Summer Elementary Hindi and Urdu will only be offered to those with CLS fellowships.

Capstone Project for Masters Level Students Following Summer 2019 Program
Students who are enrolled in a master's program and who participate in the summer 2019 programs may request up to $1,175 in funding to complete a one-month capstone project to be carried out upon completion of the language program. Students interested in this funding should add an additional one to two paragraphs to their statement of purpose, describing their proposed project.

Academic Year 2019-2020 Program
The academic year program will be for Bangla, Hindi, Malayalam, Marathi, Sanskrit, Tamil, and Urdu. The program will begin in early September 2019 and will finish at the end of April 2020. Students 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 2019-2020 program provided you take an intensive second-year language program in the summer of 2019. Arrangements may be made for programs in other Indian languages if there is interest. AIIS will award, on a competitive basis, a number of modern language fellowships, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, for the 2019-2020 program. These fellowships would be 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 2019 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 in early September 2019 and finish

in late December 2019. Instruction will be offered at all levels. Students who satisfactorily complete the fall can request to continue in the spring. Fall semester students are eligible for AIIS language fellowships only if they have had at least two years of prior language study by September 2019.

If you have questions, please call 773-702-8638 or email aiis@uchicago.edu. Applications must be submitted online by December 31, 2018. Applicants should first review the application checklist. Applicants will need to create a single pdf file that will include the following three items:
1. Application form (available as both a word and pdf document on the AIIS web site that you should download)
2. One-page statement of purpose (to be created by the applicant). The statement of purpose should focus on why you need intensive language training in order to achieve specific academic or professional goals. Potential language students MUST demonstrate that they require language proficiency for academic/professional reasons. Those requesting funding for a capstone project should add an additional one to two paragraphs to their statement of purpose, describing their proposed project.
3. Evaluator Worksheet (available as both a word and pdf document on the AIIS web site that you should download)
4. Transcripts: Applicants should scan their undergraduate and graduate transcripts (from U.S. or Canadian universities only) and include them in the single pdf file. Applicants can use the adobe acrobat pro program that will enable them to combine a document with the scanned transcripts together with a document containing items 1 to 3 above into a single pdf. If applicants are unable to manage this, they may mail their transcripts to the AIIS office in Chicago.

Applicants will need to submit the single pdf file by following the directions on the web site which will guide the applicant to create a password, upload their pdf file, and submit the application.

Reference letters:
Applicants will also need to ensure that THREE letters of reference are submitted on their behalf. There are two types of reference letter forms. One is for a language reference which should be submitted by someone who has instructed you in a language course. Ideally this letter should be submitted by an instructor who has taught the language for which you are applying. Otherwise, you may have the letter submitted by someone who has taught you another language. The other reference form is a general reference. Applicants should have at least one language reference letter submitted for them but they can have two if they wish. If an applicant has never studied any language at the post-secondary level, they may have three general references submitted for them. Applicants may designate four letter writers if they want to ensure that at least three arrive. Applicants should download the reference letters on the web site and send the relevant reference letter form to their designated reference letter writer. They must inform the letter writers that the letters MUST be submitted in the form of ONE SINGLE PDF that includes both the form and the letter. When applicants apply on line, they will be prompted to submit the names and emails of their designated letter writers who will be then submit their letters online. Applicants will be able to check the status of their letters although they will not be able to view the contents of the letters. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that their letters are in so applicants are encouraged to monitor the status of their letters to make sure that all three are in, and to "remind" their letter writers to submit their letters by the deadline.

Applicants will also need to mail a check or money order for $25 (NO CASH) to AIIS, 1130 E. 59th Street, Chicago, IL 60637. This should be postmarked by December 31, 2018.

Applicants may apply for both the summer and the academic year or semester program. They may apply for one language in the summer and another for the academic year. Applicants who apply for two programs should submit only ONE $25 application fee. If applicants apply for both programs in the same language, they need only submit one application but should check off the two programs for which they

are applying. If they apply for different languages they should submit two separate applications (but only one fee and one set of transcripts).

Costs and financial aid (for a detailed breakdown go to www.aiislanguageprograms.org)

	Summer 2019	**2019-2020**	**2019-2020**	**Fall 2019**
	All participants	Outside funding	Language fellows	Outside funding
Tuition/program fee	$3,000	$8,000	0	$4,000
air fare	$1,600-$2,000	$1,600-$2,200	provided	$1,600-$2,000
maintenance	1,000	provided	provided	provided
TOTAL	**$5,600-$6,000**	**$9,600-$10,200**	**0**	**$5,600-$6,100**
	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 will need to bring sufficient money with them to cover their living expenses; those who receive FLAS or CLS should receive an adequate amount of money for their maintenance from their 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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