



Some Reminders about FLAS Grant No-cost Extensions (NCEs)

FLAS funds are assigned a grant number (e.g., P015B220xxx) and all funds obligated to that grant number must be spent by that awardee and may not be commingled with funds from another FLAS grant. Consequently:

- You are not permitted to transfer FLAS funds to any other institution or awardee (even if they are at your institution), whether they have their own FLAS funds or not.
- You may not create a hybrid fellowship funded by combining NCE funds from a FLAS grant that originated in the previous competition (FY 2018) with funds from a new FLAS award that began in FY 2022.

You may issue FLAS awards using funds from the FY 2018 FLAS NCE, but because the stipend amounts have changed for graduate students in the FY 2022 cycle you should be aware that specific rules apply to making awards using FY18 money.

The FLAS stipend amount for graduate students has increased from \$15,000 per year to \$20,000 per year for the new grant cycle. Fellowships paid from the FY 18-21 pot of funding must remain at the levels set in the FY 18-21 competition Notice Inviting Applications; graduate stipends paid for with NCE funds would therefore need to remain capped at \$15,000/year.

Given this, we recommend the following options:

- Make only undergraduate AY 22-23 and/or summer 23 FLAS awards, if possible, since those stipend amounts remain the same for both grant cycles.
- If you would like to make AY graduate awards:
 - Use only the “new” pot of money (FY22) to make AY grad awards; OR
 - Supplement any stipends paid with NCE funds with \$5,000 of non-FLAS funding (e.g., institutional scholarships) to match the “new” stipend amount.

Finally, we have been made aware of an important wording mistake on p. 57 of the PAM. The section on eligibility is currently worded in this way:

A student must:

- Be a citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States; or
- Be accepted for enrollment or enrolled in the FLAS-awarding institution;

The “or” at the end of the first bullet point should be an “and.” The correct wording is:

A student must:

- Be a citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States; and
- Be accepted for enrollment or enrolled in the FLAS-awarding institution;