



# 2019 Critical Language Scholarship Program

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## Selection Criteria

### **Commitment to Language Learning**

Successful applicants:

- Articulate a motivation for learning the language for which they are applying.
- Show that they have leveraged available resources to develop appropriate foreign language skills for the CLS Program.
- Show commitment to further developing their language skills and cultural knowledge after participating in the CLS Program.

### **Connection between Language and Goals**

Successful applicants:

- Show that the language and cultural knowledge they gain on the CLS Program will have an impact on their academic, personal and professional development.
- Show that the language and cultural knowledge they gain is integral to their future plans.

### **Preparation for the CLS Program**

Successful applicants:

- Show that they understand the challenges of the CLS Program as a group-based, intensive, study abroad program, and that they are prepared to meet these challenges.
- Articulate how their academic, professional and personal experiences have prepared them to succeed on the CLS Program.

### **Background Knowledge, Adaptability and Sensitivity**

Successful applicants:

- Exhibit knowledge of the host culture and/or language appropriate to their linguistic and academic level.
- Show the ability to interact with people and situations that require adaptation.

### **Contribution to the CLS Program and Program Goals**

Successful applicants:

- Have considered what their unique experiences, perspectives and/or background might contribute to the program.
- Make a good case for how they will contribute to the mission of building mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of their host communities.

### **Additional Considerations**

All other factors being equal, the CLS Program gives preference to veterans of the United States armed forces.

All other factors being equal, applicants are selected with the goal of representing geographic diversity and a diversity of institutions and fields of study.

Preference may be given to candidates with limited or no previous study abroad experience.