



## JUMP INTO LEARNING ARABIC, CHINESE OR RUSSIAN!

CLS Spark is a funded virtual initiative of the U.S. Department of State's Critical Language Scholarship Program for U.S. undergraduate students to learn languages essential to America's engagement with the world through an intensive summer course.

CLS Spark provides American students the access and opportunity to start their language learning journeys when these critical languages are not offered on their campuses or when they have responsibilities that limit their ability to go abroad.

Participants spend a summer learning either Arabic, Chinese or Russian through online classes and activities facilitated by native speakers at a host institution abroad, approximately 90 hours of instruction over the course of the program.

With inclusive support provided by program staff, students will develop proficiency in all four modalities in these languages (listening, speaking, reading, writing), participate in regular cultural activities, and make connections with members of the host country's community and their peers across the U.S.

Participants also benefit from structured professional development activities organized over the course of the program.

## LANGUAGES AND LEVELS OFFERED

Arabic	Beginning level, with no previous experience
Chinese	Beginning level, with no previous experience
Russian	Beginning level, with no previous experience

## KEY BENEFITS

- Full scholarship covers all instruction and a stipend
- Online language instruction and cultural enrichment experiences
- Academic credit and language gains certified on the ACTFL OPI test
- Automatic consideration as a semifinalist for the summer 2024 CLS Program to continue language study abroad

## WHO CAN APPLY?

U.S. citizen or national students who are enrolled in undergraduate programs at U.S. colleges at the time of their application.

18 years old by May 2023

There is no prerequisite, and applicants may apply with no prior study of Arabic, Chinese or Russian