



## 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 Arabic, Chinese or Russian through online classes and activities facilitated by native speakers at a host institution abroad, approximately 90 hours of instruction over eight to nine weeks.

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.

Applicants with no prior language experience in Arabic, Chinese, and Russian are encouraged to apply. **The application opens in October.**

## 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 subsequent summer CLS Program to continue study of the same language

## 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

At least 18 years old by May of the program year

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

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