As part of its Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship grant ($1,356,000) from the International and Foreign Language Education division of the U.S. Department of Education, EASC awarded fellowships to 21 graduate students and 2 undergraduate students to study East Asian languages in 2016-17.

- FLAS encourages students with advanced language skills (93% of our awardees this cycle) to pursue careers in the government.

The workshop has broadened my understanding of issues in East Asia as a region. I have taught the lessons I put together and will continue to use a part of them as the curriculum at my school has changed. I very much appreciated the readings done and resources shared - so helpful!

2016 Teacher Workshop Participant

As part of its 2014-18 Comprehensive National Resource Center grant ($976,000) from the International and Foreign Language Education division of the U.S. Department of Education, the East Asian Studies Center (EASC) in 2016-17:

- Supported the professional development of 195 K-12 teachers by sponsoring 8 teacher training workshops, enhancing teachers’ ability to teach students about East Asia, creating a pipeline of K-12 students with global knowledge;

- Funded the instruction of less commonly taught languages at Ohio State and Columbus State Community College (Uzbek, Japanese), that are critically needed for our nation's economic competitiveness and national security;

- Broadened access to a global education among historically underrepresented populations by working with community colleges and minority-serving institutions (Columbus State Community College, Lakeland Community College, Spelman College);

- Strengthened our national capacity to conduct research and disseminate information on East Asia to citizens by offering 75 conferences, lectures, and workshops on China, Japan, and Korea;

- Offered 33 cultural and outreach events for the public and the business community to educate the population more broadly about East Asia; and

- Through its M.A. in East Asian Studies, EASC educated the next generation of experts with advanced language and area studies skills, who will fill leading roles in education, government, business, and private sectors. In 2016-17, 6 students completed the degree with placements that included advisor at an international academy, project manager for a Japanese manufacturer in Ohio, and further study at the doctoral level.

“The FLAS fellowship has been instrumental in the development of my career...I ultimately decided to take a position at General Motors on the Localization team. ...Our team is charged with developing our infotainment systems for GM's global markets. I specifically liaise with GM Shanghai to ensure our systems are localized for China. My unique abilities enabled me to get promoted to Lead of the Localization team.”

2015 FLAS ALUMNI SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

“During my first two years as a practicing attorney, I have used my Chinese language faculties on a nearly daily basis. I have been fortunate enough to use Chinese to review contracts, permits, emails, and other documents as part of transactional due diligence and investigations under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. I have also been able to attend and take witness interviews in China using Mandarin. Without the FLAS Fellowship, I almost certainly would not have continued my study of Chinese during law school—at least not to the advanced level.”

2016 Teacher Workshop Participant