The United States Department of State and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) are pleased to announce the availability of scholarships for intensive overseas study in the critical need foreign languages of Arabic, Bangla/Bengali, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Turkish, and Urdu for Summer 2007.

As part of the National Security Language Initiative (NSLI), a U.S. government interagency effort to expand dramatically the number of Americans studying and mastering critical need foreign languages, the Department of State Critical Language Scholarships will provide funding for U.S. citizen undergraduate, Master’s and Ph.D. students to participate in beginning, intermediate and/or advanced level summer language programs at American Overseas Research Centers and affiliated partners.

Recipients of these scholarships will be expected to continue their language study beyond the scholarship period and later apply their critical language skills in their professional careers.

**Eligibility:** All applicants must be U.S. citizens. Applicants must be either currently enrolled in a degree-granting program at the undergraduate* or graduate level or have graduated from an undergraduate or graduate program no more than 2 years ago (May 2005). Students in all disciplines including business, engineering, science, the social sciences and humanities are encouraged to apply. Current undergraduate students must have completed at least one year of general college course-work by program start date (one year is defined as two semesters or three quarters). The U.S. Department of State and CAORC welcome all eligible applications and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or handicap condition.

**Duration:** Programs range from 7 weeks to 11 weeks, beginning in early to mid-June with a pre-departure orientation in the U.S. Students must attend the full program and participate in all program activities.

**Grant benefits:** All program costs are covered for participants. This includes travel between the student’s home city and program location, pre-departure orientation costs, applicable visa fees, room, board, travel within country and all entrance fees for program activities. University level credit may be available. Note: U.S. passport fees will not be paid by the scholarship.

*Only graduate students and recent graduates are eligible to apply to the summer 2007 Persian program.

**Deadline: Thursday, March 15, 2007**

For Program Details and On-line Application Visit www.CLScholarship.org

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