Opportunity Summary:
The Critical Language Scholarship Program provides eight- to ten-week foreign language instruction in overseas immersion programs for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students. The CLS Program is a component of the U.S. Department of State’s effort to increase the number of Americans who learn critical foreign languages in support of the U.S. foreign policy goals of bolstering national security; promoting U.S. competitiveness and economic prosperity and building mutual understanding with critical regions of the world. Applicants should select one of the following options:

Option 1: Administrative Components and Implementation of Language Institutes. Submit one proposal to implement both of the following: a) Administrative Components including overall program administration, preprogram recruitment and selection of participants, guidance and coordination for all summer institutes, annual meetings, and post-program follow-up activities including programs for alumni of all program years, and b) Implementation of Language Institutes for all of the regional language groups for a minimum of 550 participants as described in this solicitation.

Option 2: Implementation of Language Institute(s) only. Submit one proposal to implement summer language institutes for no more than two of the regional language groups according to the guidance in this solicitation.

In order to achieve these goals, the Bureau supports programs for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to gain and improve language proficiency and related cultural competency skills in 15 critical languages: Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, and Urdu.

Eligibility & Requirements:
- Applicants proposing to implement more than two of the language groups must submit a proposal to implement the full program (Option 1), including “Administrative Components” and the “Implementation of Language Institutes” for all languages.
- For either proposal Option 1 or Option 2, costs for activities listed under “Implementation of Language Institutes” should not exceed an average of $15,600 per participant in Bureau funding (includes program and administrative costs).

Internal Nomination Process:
Interested applicants should submit the following documents:

1. JHU Limited Submission Cover Sheet
2. Proposal (maximum of two pages of text only, single spaced: 12-pt font and one-inch margins) (Note: figures, tables, and other reference material may be included in addition to the 2 pg. text limit)
3. Curriculum Vitae of investigator, including current external research support and publications
4. Budget (two pages maximum)

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