

**U.S. Department of State National Strategic Language (NSLI)
Intensive Summer Language Institutes 2006
Follow-up Survey**

Hello! It has been some time since your exchange experience. We would like to ask you some questions about your participation in the National Strategic Language Institute last summer, and its impact on your life since your return home.

Your responses will be strictly confidential. The information you provide will help us design programs that better meet the needs of participants in educational programs similar to NSLI.

Please feel free to give us your honest opinions. This survey is not a test; there are no right or wrong answers. Thank you for your participation in this survey.

This survey will be administered to all NSLI Program participants. Target language is defined as the language you studied during the NSLI Program and host country is the country where the National Strategic Language Institute was located.

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The information solicited on this survey is requested pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-62) and the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act (22 U.S.C. 2451, et seq.). In order to ensure that the U.S. Department of State's international exchange programs meet statutory program requirements (22 U.S.C. 2460(c)), the Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) regularly monitors the programs, gathers data about program accomplishments, and evaluates selected ones. ECA uses the information collected to inform program design, management, and funding. All personal information that is collected through surveys is considered confidential. All responses are coded to ensure the confidentiality of individual responses. Data collected under this study will not be shared, sold, or used for fundraising purposes. Survey data and findings will be used only in an aggregate form for the express purposes of fulfilling the data needs of the outcome assessment. Responses to this survey are voluntary.

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1. Exchange programs provide participants with many important opportunities for learning and engaging people from other countries. In the table below, please select the **3** accomplishments that have had the most impact on your life, since your return home from the NSLI program.

Accomplishments	✓
Improvement of my target language skills	
Shared my experience of attending NSLI and living abroad with others	
Learned more about the culture of the region where I studied	
Shared my culture with others	
Made friends with host country students and their families	
Increased my understanding of my host country and it's society, people and culture	
Learned more about host country history - ancient to modern	
Increased awareness of the U.S. relations with my host country	
Other?	

2. Please elaborate on the impact of any of these or other accomplishments, not listed above.

3. Please rate your current NSLI language skill level NOW. *Please check one box in each row.*

	None	Beginn er	Advanc ed Beginn er	Intermedia te	Advance d
Speaking target language					
Oral comprehension of target language					
Reading target language					
Writing target language					
Overall language					

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competency					
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4. Which of the following statements accurately reflects what methods you used to further your target language studies in the past year? *Please check "yes" if the statement accurately reflects your immediate plans and "no" if it does not.*

	True	False
I am currently enrolled in a course at my university or other academic institution in the NSLI language I studied.		
In the past year, I completed at least one language course at my university or another academic institution in the NSLI language I studied.		
In the past year I continued to learn the NSLI language I studied through private lessons or a tutor.		
In the past year, I have used self-tutoring guides, videos, books, etc. to continue studying the NSLI language I studied.		
In the past six months, I have used various media outlets (e.g., radio, television, movies, music, internet) to reinforce the language I studied at NSLI.		
In the past six months, I have read newspapers, books and/or magazines in the NSLI language I studied.		
In the past six months, I have been in contact with host country nationals I met while participating in the 2006 NSLI program.		
In the past six months, I had conversations in the NSLI language I studied with friends, instructors and/or colleagues.		
In the past year, I returned to my NSLI host country or traveled to another country where the language I studied at NSLI used to attend a language program, intern or work.		

5. Are there any suggestions you could recommend for programming to further promote students' studies in their target languages once they return home from the program?

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6. Looking back, how influential was your participation in NSLI to you pursuing your study of the target language? *Please check one box.*

Very influential	Somewhat influential	A little influential	Not influential	I am not studying the NSLI language at this time

7. Did your plans to continue to learning the NSLI language you studied change once you returned home?

	✓
Yes	
No	

8. If you answered YES to the previous question, please elaborate on how your plans changed.

9. Looking back, did the program help you improve your NSLI language skills? Please check one box in each row.

	No, not at all	A little	Somew hat	A good deal
Speaking target language				
Oral comprehension of target language				
Reading target language				
Writing target language				
Overall language competency				

10. Are you enrolled in a course this summer to study the same language you studied in the NSLI program?

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	✓
Yes	
No	

11. Do you think participating in the NSLI program influenced decisions about your future career?

	✓
Yes	
No	

12. If you answered YES to the previous questions, please elaborate on changes to your future career plans.

13. Have you shared your program experience or the knowledge you gained during your exchange in any of the following ways? *Please check box in each row.*

	Yes	No
Participated in media interviews (newspaper, television, radio, internet)		
Gave presentations to community, neighborhood, school or university groups		
Wrote newspapers articles, including editorials and opinion pieces.		
Wrote academic books		
Wrote non-academic books		
Wrote academic articles—for journals or academic publications		
Other (please write in):		

14. How do you view your NSLI host-country government and its relationship with the U.S.? *Please check one box.*

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
The NSLI host-country government is a trustworthy					

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partner for my country.					
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15. How do you view your NSLI host-country government and host country people?
Please check one box in each row.

	Strongly Unfavorable	Generally Unfavorable	Neither favorable or unfavorable	Generally Favorable	Strongly Favorable
NSLI host-country government					
NSLI host-country people					

16. Have you remained in remain in contact with people you met during your exchange program?

	✓
Yes	
No	

17. In the past year, have you encouraged friends to travel or study abroad? [

	✓
Yes	
No	

18. Where do you live? *Please check one box.*

I live in a...	✓
major city	
suburb of a major city	
small city or town	
small town or rural area	

19. How old are you? _____

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20. Sex:

	✓
Female	
Male	

21. What is your ethnicity/race?

	✓
American Indian or Alaskan Native	
Asian	
Black (non-Hispanic)	
Hispanic	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	
White (non-Hispanic)	

22. Do you know about and have you registered for the State Department Alumni website, <https://alumni.state.gov>?

	✓
Yes, I know about it and I have registered	
Yes, I know about it but I have not yet registered	
Yes, I know about it but I do not plan to register	
No, I do not know about it	

We encourage you to visit the website!

26. Thank you for completing this survey! If you have additional comments you would like to make, please do so here.

27. How long did it take you to complete this survey? _____ minutes