

University of Pittsburgh
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Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships

Academic Year 2008-2009

The Center for Latin American Studies, the Center for Russian and East European Studies, and the Center for West European Studies are pleased to announce the competition for the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLASF) for the University of Pittsburgh 2008-2009 Academic Year.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are interested in applying for a summer FLASF from any of the area studies centers, please contact the appropriate center for a separate application.

The FLASFs are authorized under Title VI of the Higher Education Act and are administered by the United States Department of Education. The purpose of the FLASF program is: "To assist in the development of knowledge, resources, and trained personnel for modern foreign language and area studies, to stimulate the attainment of foreign language acquisition and fluency, and to develop a pool of international experts to meet national needs." As such, these fellowships may only be awarded to U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents. The FLAS Fellowship is a prestigious award that enables the recipient to devote full time to graduate study. Each of the area studies centers generally will award 4 to 8 fellowships for the academic year.

What is the FLAS Fellowship?

FLAS Fellowships are given for two award periods – the academic year and the summer. (Please contact the individual area studies center for information on applying for the summer.) The academic year FLASF provides awardees with full tuition and most fees in addition to a stipend of \$15,000. The Fellowship may be supplemented with other funding from other sources. FLAS Fellowships will be awarded only for the study of a modern, foreign language. Academic year fellows must be enrolled in an area studies course and a language course each term of the award period. Please inquire to the appropriate area studies center for restrictions regarding the use of an academic year fellowship for dissertation level students. Language priorities are assigned by the US Department of Education and are therefore important criteria in the selection process for awardees. Generally, preference is given to those students who intend to study "Less Commonly Taught Languages" (e.g. Italian, Korean, Polish, Portuguese) and "Least Commonly Taught Languages" (e.g. Quechua, Serbian, Swedish). For "Most Commonly Taught Languages," (e.g. French, Japanese, Russian, Spanish), preference is given to students studying at the advanced levels. Other factors important in the review of applicants include the overall academic quality of the student and the relevance of the FLASF target language to the student's plan of study.

Application Procedures

LAW SCHOOL DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2008

FOR LAW STUDENTS:

Application packets should be submitted directly to the Center for International Legal Education (Room 318) rather than to the area studies centers. Similarly, separate application packets must be submitted when applying to more than one area studies center.

Application packets should contain **three copies** and an original of the following materials. Only completed application packets will be accepted.

- ⊕ Completed application form (Available in the CILE Office or on-line at <http://www.law.pitt.edu/academics/programs/cile/competitions.php>)
- ⊕ Curriculum vitae (not exceeding two pages in length)
- ⊕ All **undergraduate** and **graduate** transcripts
- ⊕ **LANGUAGE STUDY PLAN** - A 1-2 page statement indicating the language the student proposes to study, how the student will satisfy FLAS requirements, the extent of current or previous language training, and the student's native language. **Please see the list of eligible FLAS Languages.
- ⊕ **PERSONAL STUDY PLAN** - A 2-3 page statement indicating relationship of the applicant's area of study to the appropriate area studies center, brief personal history including any experience in or related to the appropriate area, and the title and brief description of student's dissertation topic for students at the dissertation level
- ⊕ Two letters of recommendation

FLAS ELIGIBLE LANGUAGES

Asian Studies Center

Chinese (all dialects), Japanese, Korean

Center for Latin American Studies

Please contact the Center for information

Center for Russian and East European Studies

Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Bulgarian, Czech, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, Russian (3rd year and beyond), Slovak, Ukrainian

European Studies Center

Bulgarian, Estonian, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Irish Gaelic, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish, Arabic (Students interested in applying for Arabic must first schedule an appointment with the European Studies Center FLAS coordinator to determine eligibility.)

