Asian Studies Center - Center for Russian and East European Studies - Global Studies Center

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships

Academic Year 2015-2016

The Asian Studies Center, Center for Russian and East European Studies, and Global Studies Center are pleased to announce the competition for Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLASF) for the University of Pittsburgh 2015-2016 Academic Year.

FLAS Fellowships are authorized under Title VI of the Higher Education Act and are administered by the United States Department of Education. The purpose of the FLAS Fellowship 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 US citizens or US permanent residents.

The FLAS Fellowship is a prestigious award that enables the recipient to devote full time to graduate study. Each center awards between six and eight fellowships for the academic year.

PLEASE NOTE: Awarding of fellowships is contingent on receipt of funding from the Department of Education. If you are interested in applying for a Summer FLAS Fellowship from any of the centers listed above, please contact the appropriate center for a separate application.

What is the FLAS Fellowship?

The Academic Year FLAS Fellowship provides awardees with full tuition and most fees in addition to a stipend of approximately $18,000. FLAS Fellowships are awarded only for the study of modern, foreign languages.

Academic year fellows must be enrolled in an area studies course and a language course during each term of the award period. Please contact the FLAS Fellowship coordinator in the appropriate 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. Other factors that are important in the review of applicants include the overall quality of the student’s academic record and the relevance of the FLAS Fellowship target language to the student’s plan of study. Consult with the FLAS coordinator to determine eligible languages and levels.
Application Procedures
UCIS CENTER DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 13, 2015

IMPORTANT: Check with your department’s dean or chairperson regarding departmental deadlines, as they are typically at least three weeks before the UCIS deadline.

FOR STUDENTS:
Application packets should be submitted directly to your dean or chairperson according to their departmental deadline (which in all cases will be before February 13), rather than to the centers. Separate application packets must be submitted when applying to more than one center.

Application packets should contain a total of four copies (an original and 3 copies) of the following materials. Only completed application packets will be accepted.

- Completed application form (on following page)
- Curriculum vitae (not exceeding two pages in length)
- All undergraduate and graduate transcripts (One official original transcript and 3 copies)
- LANGUAGE STUDY PLAN – A 1-2 page statement indicating the language the student proposes to study, how the student will combine language and area studies to satisfy FLAS requirements, the extent of current or previous language training, and the student’s native language, if other than English. ** Please see the last page of the application for a list of FLAS-eligible languages and levels.
- PERSONAL STUDY PLAN – A 2-3 page statement indicating the relationship of the applicant’s area of study and anticipated career goals to the appropriate center, brief personal history including any experience in or related to the appropriate area, and the title and brief description of the student’s dissertation topic for students at the dissertation level.
- Two letters of recommendation

FOR THE SCHOOL / DEPARTMENT:
Please nominate no more than four students to each center. Please submit all application packets to the appropriate center, along with a ranking of the applicants. In doing so, please pay particular attention to the eligibility requirements and priorities for the fellowship. You may nominate students by sending completed packets to the appropriate centers by February 13, 2015.

Please provide, on the designated line at the bottom of the application form, the name and e-mail address of the departmental contact who can confirm that the application packet is complete. Please send application packets of nominated students for the FLAS Fellowships or address questions or comments to:

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PLEASE NOTE: All applications will be reviewed by an independent selection committee composed of faculty members drawn from the humanities/language departments, social science departments, and professional schools. Applicants will be notified of the selection committee’s decision by the end of March.
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Application Form
Academic Year 2015-2016

Please check the box corresponding to the area studies center to which you are applying for a FLASF:

☐ Asian Studies Center  ☐ Center for Russian and East European Studies  ☐ Global Studies Center

Reminder: If you are applying to more than one center, you must submit separate applications for each center. All sections must be filled out completely and accurately.

General Information

Name:  Mr / Ms ___________________________________ Pitt email: _______________________________

Local Address: __________________________________ Perm. Address: ________________________________

Local Phone: __________________________ Perm. Phone: ________________________________

Citizenship: US Citizen Permanent Resident Pitt PeopleSoft No. (if available): _______________________

Career Goals (check all that apply):
☐ Federal government ☐ Foreign government ☐ Higher education
☐ International organization (in US) ☐ Elementary / secondary education ☐ Private sector - for profit
☐ International organization (foreign) ☐ State / local government ☐ Private sector - non-profit
☐ US Military ☐ Unknown ☐ Other: ___________

Academic Information

Undergraduate Information

Institution: _____________________________________

Major(s) and QPA: ________________________________

Graduate Information

Department / School: _______________________________

Major/ Degree Program: _______________________________

☐ Master’s student ☐ MA/PhD student ☐ Doctoral student

Tuition Status: ☐ In state ☐ Out of state

Enrollment Status: ☐ Matriculated ☐ Applying

Will you be on campus during the award period?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If no, please explain: ________________________________

Language Information

FLASF Target Language: _______________________________

Language Level for which award is sought:
☐ 1st year ☐ 4th year
☐ 2nd year ☐ 5th year
☐ 3rd year

Other languages in which you are fluent: ________________________________

The undersigned attests that the information contained in this application is true and complete.

Student Signature: ________________________________ Date: _____________________
--- Below to be completed by the School / Department ---

Printed name and e-mail address of departmental contact: 
____________________________________________
____________________________________________

If the student is an applicant, has the student been admitted?
☐ Yes
☐ No decision yet

Confirmed to attend Pitt?
☐ Yes
☐ No decision yet

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FLASF- ELIGIBLE LANGUAGES

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