University of Pittsburgh
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Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships

Academic Year 2016-2017

The Center for Asian Studies, the Center for Russian and East European Studies, and Global Studies Center are pleased to announce the competition for Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS) for the University of Pittsburgh 2016-2017 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.

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 three and eight fellowships for the academic year.

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. The fellowship may be supplemented with funding from other sources. 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. Preference is given to those students who intend to study Less or Least Commonly Taught Languages (LCTLs). For Commonly Taught Languages (e.g. Spanish), preference is given to students studying at the advanced levels (third year and above). 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.
Application Procedures

LAW SCHOOL DEADLINE: January 29, 2016

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.

Law School Application packets should contain ONE original (unstapled) of the following materials. Only completed application packets will be accepted. CILE will make the appropriate copies request from the area studies centers.

1. Completed application form (Available in the CILE Office or on-line at http://law.pitt.edu/academics/cile/jd/competitions
2. Curriculum vitae (not exceeding two pages in length)
3. All undergraduate and graduate transcripts
4. 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 list of eligible FLAS Languages.
5. 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 area studies 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.
6. Two letters of recommendation

FLAS ELIGIBLE LANGUAGES

Asian Studies Center
Chinese and Japanese (3rd year and above); Korean (all levels)

Center for Russian and East European Studies
Russian (2nd year and above) Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Bulgarian, Hungarian, Polish, Slovak, Turkish, Ukrainian (all levels)

Global Studies Center
Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Persian (Farsi), Portuguese, Swahili, and Turkish (all levels)

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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. Applications will be notified of the selection committee’s decision by the end of March.