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Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships for Graduate Students
Academic Year 2018-2019

The African Studies Program, Asian Studies Center, Center for Latin American Studies, Center for Russian and East European Studies, European Studies Center, and Global Studies Center are pleased to announce the competition for Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLASF) for the University of Pittsburgh 2018-2019 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 or global 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Awarding of fellowships is contingent on UCIS centers' receipt of grant funding from the U.S. Department of Education. Because a competition for a new grant cycle is planned for 2018, confirmation of federal funding for Academic Year FLAS Fellowships may be significantly delayed this year.

This competition does not include Summer FLAS. If you are interested in applying for a Summer FLAS Fellowship from the Asian Studies Center, Global Studies Center, or Center for Russian and East European Studies, please contact the appropriate center for a separate application.

What is the FLAS Fellowship?

The Academic Year FLAS Fellowship covers awardees' tuition costs and most fees up to a total of \$18,000 or potentially up to full tuition, in addition to a stipend of approximately \$15,000. The fellowship may be supplemented with funding from other sources upon approval from the awarding center. FLAS Fellowships are awarded only for the study of modern, world languages.

Academic year fellows must be enrolled in an area or global 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. Other factors that are important in the review of applicants include the overall quality of the student's academic record, financial need, and the relevance of the FLAS Fellowship target language to the student's plan of study.

Application Procedures

UCIS CENTER DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2018

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 15), rather than to the centers. **Separate application packets** must be submitted when applying to more than one center.

Application packets should contain **three copies** and an original 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 (unofficial copies accepted).
- **LANGUAGE STUDY PLAN** – A 1-2 page statement indicating the language the student proposes to study, how the student will combine language and area or global 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.
- **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 area of the center's focus, and the title and brief description of the student's dissertation topic for students at the dissertation level.
- Two letters of recommendation (sealed originals only; no additional copies required).

FOR THE SCHOOL / DEPARTMENT:

Please nominate **no more than four students** to each center. 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 15, 2018**.

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. **However, the availability of federal funding for AY 2018-2019 FLAS fellowships may not be confirmed until a significantly later date.**

Graduate Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Application Form Academic Year 2018-2019

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African Studies Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Studies Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Center for Latin American Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Center for Russian and East European Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> European Studies Center | <input type="checkbox"/> 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: _____ _____	Non-Pitt email: _____
Local Phone: _____	Perm. Address: _____ _____
Citizenship: US Citizen Permanent Resident	Perm. Phone: _____
	Pitt PeopleSoft No. (if available): _____

Career Goals (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Federal government	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign government	<input type="checkbox"/> Higher education
<input type="checkbox"/> International organization (in US)	<input type="checkbox"/> Elementary / secondary education	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector - for profit
<input type="checkbox"/> International organization (foreign)	<input type="checkbox"/> State / local government	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector - non-profit
<input type="checkbox"/> US Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Academic Information

Undergraduate Information

Institution: _____

Major(s) and QPA: _____

Will you be on campus during the award period?

Yes No

If no, please explain: _____

Language Information

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

FLASF Target Language: _____

Language Level for which award is sought:

1st year (*with approved exception - please consult appropriate center*)

2nd year

4th year

3rd year

5th 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: _____

(Please see next page)

----- 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

UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
 4400 Wesley W. Posvar Hall - Pittsburgh, PA 15260 - <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu>

FLASF- ELIGIBLE LANGUAGES

<p align="center">AFRICAN STUDIES PROGRAM</p> <p align="center"><i>Arabic, Portuguese, and Swahili (2nd year and above)</i></p>	<p align="center">ASIAN STUDIES CENTER</p> <p align="center"><i>Chinese and Japanese (3rd year and above), Korean and Vietnamese (2nd year and above)</i></p>
<p align="center">CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES</p> <p align="center"><i>Portuguese and Quechua (2nd year and above)</i></p>	<p align="center">CENTER FOR RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES</p> <p align="center"><i>Russian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Hungarian, Polish, Slovak, Turkish, and Ukrainian (2nd year and above)</i></p>
<p align="center">EUROPEAN STUDIES CENTER</p> <p align="center"><i>Arabic, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Gaelic, Hungarian, Polish, Portuguese, Slovak, Swedish, and Turkish (2nd year and above)</i></p>	<p align="center">GLOBAL STUDIES CENTER</p> <p align="center"><i>Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Persian (Farsi), Portuguese, Swahili, and Turkish (2nd year and above)</i></p>



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Optional Financial Aid Information Release Form

If you wish to have your Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLASF) application considered for a possible competitive preference based on financial need, please sign and submit this release form with your other FLASF application materials.

I, _____, grant permission to the University of Pittsburgh's Office of Admissions and Financial Aid (OFA) to release my financial aid information and eligibility to the University Center for International Studies for the purpose of determining financial need for the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship application. I have submitted a current Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to OFA.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____



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