

University of Pittsburgh
University Center for International Studies
Center for Russian and East European Studies

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships for Undergraduate Students

Academic Year 2012-13

Contingent upon US Department of Education funding, the Center for Russian and East European Studies (REES) is pleased to announce the competition for undergraduate Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships for the University of Pittsburgh's 2012-13 academic year. The FLAS Fellowship is a prestigious award that enables the recipient to devote full time to undergraduate study. For AY 2012-13, **FLAS-eligible languages include: Russian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (BCS), Hungarian, Polish, Slovak, Turkish, and Ukrainian.**

FLAS Fellowships are authorized under Title VI of the Higher Education Act and are administered by the US 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.

What is the FLAS Fellowship for Undergraduate Students?

The Academic Year FLAS Fellowship for undergraduate students provides awardees with full tuition in addition to a stipend of approximately \$5,000. In some cases, the fellowship may be supplemented with funding from other sources. Students who have other sources of funding for the 2012-13 academic year should contact REES before applying for this fellowship.

Students must be enrolled in the Undergraduate Certificate in Russian and East European Studies and have a minimum 3.0 QPA in order to qualify for an award. Fellowships are only given to students who will be studying a FLAS-eligible language at the intermediate level (second year) or above and at least one area studies course per term during AY 2012-13. Important factors in the review of applications will 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

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2012

Application packets should be submitted directly to REES by February 15, 2012. Packets must contain the following materials. Only completed application packets will be accepted.

- Completed application form, on the following page (an original and two copies).
- **LANGUAGE STUDY PLAN** – A 1-page, double-spaced statement indicating the FLAS-eligible language you propose to study, how you will combine language and area studies to satisfy FLAS requirements, the extent of current or previous language training, and your native language, if other than English (an original and two copies).
- **PERSONAL STUDY PLAN** – A 1- to 2-page, double-spaced statement articulating the relationship between your area of study and anticipated career goals, and a brief personal history including any experience(s) in or related to the appropriate area (an original and two copies).
- Two sealed and signed letters of recommendation (preferably one from a language instructor and one from a non-language faculty member).
- All undergraduate transcripts.

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee composed of University faculty members. 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 2012-2013

If you are applying to more than one Center for a FLAS Fellowship, please indicate the other Center(s) to which you have applied in addition to REES:

- Center for Latin American Studies
 Global Studies Center

Reminder: If you are applying to more than one Center, you must submit separate applications to each.

General Information

Name: Mr / Ms _____ Pitt PeopleSoft No. _____
Local Address: _____ Perm. Address: _____
Local Phone: _____ Perm. Phone: _____
Citizenship: US Citizen Permanent Resident E-mail: _____
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

Department/ School _____
Major(s) and QPA: _____
Tuition Status: In state Out of state
Are you currently enrolled in the Russian and East European Studies Certificate?
Yes No
Are you applying for other types of fellowships or scholarships?
Yes No
If yes, please specify: _____

Language Information

FLAS-eligible Target Language: _____
Language Level for which award is sought:
2nd year 4th year
3rd year 5th year
Other languages you have studied and level completed: _____

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

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Direct all applications and questions to:

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