

University of Pittsburgh  
**University Center for International Studies**

Center for Latin American Studies - Center for Russian and East European Studies  
European Studies Center – Asian Studies Center

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships  
**Academic Year 2009-2010**

The Center for Latin American Studies, the Center for Russian and East European Studies, the European Studies Center and the Asian Studies Center are pleased to announce the competition for the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLASF) for the University of Pittsburgh 2009-2010 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 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 approximately \$16,000. 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 during each term of the award period. Please contact the FLASF coordinator in 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. Korean, Polish, Portuguese) and “Least Commonly Taught Languages” (e.g. Quechua, Hungarian, Swedish). For “Most Commonly Taught Languages,” (e.g. French, Japanese, Russian, 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 work and the relevance of the FLASF target language to the student’s plan of study.

## Application Procedures

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 13, 2009**

### FOR STUDENTS:

Application packets should be submitted directly to your Dean or Chairperson rather than to the area studies centers. Therefore, **please check for your department/school deadline for application submissions**; in some cases, their deadline may be as many as three weeks prior to the date listed above. 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 (on following page)
- 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 last page of the application for a list of eligible FLAS languages.**
- **PERSONAL STUDY PLAN** - A 2-3 page statement indicating the 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 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 area studies 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 area studies center **by February 13, 2009**.

Please provide, on the designated line on 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 FLASFs or address questions or comments to:

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PLEASE NOTE: All applications will be reviewed by an independent selection committee comprised of area studies faculty. Faculty members will be 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 (FLASF) Application Form

## Academic Year 2009-2010

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

- Center for Latin American Studies       Center for Russian and East European Studies  
 European Studies Center                       Asian Studies Center

### General Information

Name: Mr / Ms \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Perm. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Local Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Perm. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship:  US Citizen     Permanent Resident      Soc. Sec. No. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently enrolled in the certificate program of the Center that is offering the FLASF?  
 Yes     No

Are you applying for other types of fellowships (e.g. Mellon)?  
 Yes     No

If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Graduate Information

Department / School: \_\_\_\_\_

Master's 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:

- 1<sup>st</sup> year                       4<sup>th</sup> year  
 2<sup>nd</sup> year                       5<sup>th</sup> year  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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## FLAS ELIGIBLE LANGUAGES

<p><b>CENTER FOR RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES</b></p> <p><i>Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Bulgarian, Czech, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Ukrainian</i></p>	<p><b>EUROPEAN STUDIES CENTER</b></p> <p><i>Bulgarian, Estonian, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Irish Gaelic, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Slovak, Spanish, Swedish, Arabic **</i></p> <p><i>** Students interested in applying for Arabic must first schedule an appointment with the European Studies Center FLAS coordinator to determine eligibility.</i></p>
<p><b>CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES</b></p> <p><i>Aymara, Portuguese, Quechua, Spanish</i></p>	<p><b>ASIAN STUDIES CENTER</b></p> <p><i>Chinese (all dialects), Japanese, Korean</i></p> <p><i>** All levels of Korean language and all non-Mandarin Chinese dialects are FLASF-Eligible. For FLAS fellowships in Japanese and Mandarin Chinese, strong preference will be given to students who have completed two full years of language training by the beginning of the award period.</i></p>



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