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 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Awarding of FLAS Fellowships is contingent on receipt of funding from the Department of Education. For the 2014-2015 academic year, the University of Pittsburgh has guaranteed funding of two (2) fellowships awarded by the EUCE/ESC regardless of funding from the Department of Education.

**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 Allyson Delnore, Associate Director of the EUCE/ESC 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. French, German, and 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

EUCE/ESC DEADLINE: MARCH 17, 2014

Important: Check with your department/school’s dean or chairperson regarding internal deadlines. Applications should not be submitted directly to the EUCE/ESC.

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 March 21), rather than to the centers. 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 (when applicable) transcripts
- LANGUAGE STUDY PLAN - A 1-2 page statement indicating the language the student proposes to study, how the student will satisfy FLAS Fellowship 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 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 EUCE/ESC, 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 two students to the EUCE/ESC. 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 March 17, 2014.

REMINDER: 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:

Allyson Delnore
EUCE/ESC
4200 Wesley W. Posvar Hall
412-624-5404
adelnore@pitt.edu

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 beginning of April.
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Application Form
Academic Year 2014-2015

European Union Center of Excellence/European Studies Center

Reminder: If you are applying to more than one center, you must submit separate applications for each center. Please contact the other centers directly for information about applications and deadlines. All selections must be filled out completely and accurately. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

**General Information**

Name: Mr / Ms ___________________________________
E-mail: ________________________________________
Local Address: __________________________________
Perm. Address: __________________________
Local Phone: ____________________________________
Perm. Phone: ____________________________
Citizenship: US Citizen Permanent Resident
Pitt PeopleSoft no. (if available): ____________________

Career Goals (mark 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: _____________________________
- □ 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: ________________________________

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: __________________________________________________________

**Language Information**

FLASF Target Language: ___________________________

Language Level for which award is sought:
- □ 1st year
- □ 2nd year
- □ 3rd year
- □ 4th 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: _____________________________

---------- 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 Confirmed to attend Pitt?
- □ No decision yet □ Yes
- □ No decision yet

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FLAS ELIGIBLE LANGUAGES

EUCE/ESC

Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Bulgarian, French, German, Modern Greek, Hungarian, Irish Gaelic, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Slovak, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish

Note: All languages must be studied in the context of a larger research project/scholarly program that has a European focus