

University of Pittsburgh
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Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships
Academic Year 2012-2013

The Center for Latin American Studies, Center for Russian and East European Studies, and Global Studies Center are pleased to announce the competition for Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLASF) for the University of Pittsburgh 2012-2013 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 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 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.

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. 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
UCIS CENTER DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2012

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
- **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 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 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 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, 2012**.

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.

FLASF- ELIGIBLE LANGUAGES

<p>CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES</p> <p><i>Portuguese, Quechua, Spanish</i></p>	<p>CENTER FOR RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES</p> <p><i>Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Bulgarian, Hungarian, Polish, Russian, Slovak, Turkish, Ukrainian</i></p>
<p>GLOBAL STUDIES CENTER</p> <p><i>Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Hebrew, Persian (Farsi), Portuguese, Swahili, Turkish, Urdu</i></p>	



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