

University of Pittsburgh  
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Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships for Graduate Students

**Academic Year 2022-2023**

The University Center for International Studies (UCIS) is pleased to announce the competition for graduate Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLASF) for the University of Pittsburgh 2022-2023 Academic Year. *Funding is contingent upon approval by the US Department of Education for Pitt's area and international studies centers to distribute FLAS Fellowships for the 2022-2026 cycle. As a result, applicants should be aware that funding decisions will only be finalized after notification of Title VI awards (typically in July).*

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." Therefore, 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 approximately three to eight fellowships for the academic year. *Again, awarding of fellowships is contingent on each center's receipt of grant funding from the US Department of Education.*

**This competition does not include Summer FLAS.** If you are interested in applying for a Summer FLAS Fellowship from the Asian Studies Center, Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, or European Studies Center, 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 \$20,000.** The fellowship may be supplemented with funding from other sources upon approval from the awarding center, up to the amount stipulated by the Office of the Provost for Post-doctoral Fellows at Pitt (<https://www.provost.pitt.edu/policies-guidelines>). FLAS Fellowships are awarded only for the study of modern, world languages. FLAS awards are typically given for the study of languages at the intermediate or advanced level, but in certain circumstances graduate students may receive FLAS funding for beginning language study. See the FAQ for more information.

Academic year fellows must be enrolled in at least one center-approved area studies course and one 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 Commonly Taught Languages. Other factors that are important in the review of applications 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 and career goals.

**Application Procedures**  
**UCIS CENTER DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

**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 and applications should be tailored to the specific center to which you are applying.

Application packets should contain **one electronic copy, compiled** of the following materials (no additional copies are required). Applications should be emailed as ONE .pdf or word document (compiled together), clearly labeled with "AYGrad" followed by the applicant's last name, proposed FLAS language, and acronym for Center to which you are applying (ex: AYGrad\_Smith\_Arabic\_ESC). Only the letters of recommendation should be sent separately and not included in the attachment. 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 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 list of FLAS-eligible languages at the end of this application.
- **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 or emailed separately directly from the recommender).

**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, 2022**.

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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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.

# Graduate Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Application Form Academic Year 2022-2023

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

- Asian Studies Center (ASC)       Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (REEES)       Global Studies Center (GSC)  
 European Studies Center (ESC)       Center for African Studies (CAS)       Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS)

**Reminder:** If you are applying to more than one center, you must submit separate applications tailored to each center. All sections must be filled out completely and accurately

## General Information

Name: Mr / Ms \_\_\_\_\_ Pitt email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Pitt email: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Perm. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Local Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Perm. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Citizenship:    US Citizen    Permanent Resident      Pitt PeopleSoft No. (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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:

1<sup>st</sup> year (*with approved exception - please consult appropriate center*)

2<sup>nd</sup> year

4<sup>th</sup> year

3<sup>rd</sup> year

5<sup>th</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: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please see next page)

----- **Below to be completed by the School / Department** -----

Printed name and e-mail address of departmental contact:

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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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## FLASF- ELIGIBLE LANGUAGES

### ASIAN STUDIES CENTER

*Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Vietnamese*

### CENTER FOR AFRICAN STUDIES

*Arabic, Amharic, Swahili*

### CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

*Haitian Creole, Portuguese (Brazilian), Quechua*

### CENTER FOR RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN, AND EURASIAN STUDIES

*Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Hungarian, Polish, Russian, Slovak, Turkish, and Ukrainian*

### EUROPEAN STUDIES CENTER

*Arabic, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Greek (Modern), Hebrew (Modern), Hungarian, Irish Gaelic, Italian, Polish, Portuguese (Iberian), Swedish, and Turkish;*  
*Grad students only: French, German, and Spanish (3<sup>rd</sup> year and above)*

### GLOBAL STUDIES CENTER

*Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Portuguese, Swahili, Turkish*



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**Optional Financial Aid Information Release Form**

Applicants that demonstrate financial need be given additional weight in the selection process. 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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