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

**Spring 2023**

The University Center for International Studies (UCIS) is pleased to announce an exceptional competition for graduate Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLASF) for the University of Pittsburgh 2023 Spring Semester.

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 and is not for Academic Year 2023-24. Please check the website at [https://www.ucis.pitt.edu/main/FLAS-fellowships](https://www.ucis.pitt.edu/main/FLAS-fellowships) to apply for those competitions.

**What is the FLAS Fellowship?**

The Semester-long FLAS Fellowship covers awardees’ tuition costs and most fees up to a total of $9,000 or potentially up to full tuition, in addition to a stipend of approximately $10,000. 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](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: November 28, 2022

**IMPORTANT:** Applications should be submitted directly to the FLAS Coordinator listed below.

**FOR STUDENTS:**
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).

**CENTER FLAS COORDINATOR:**

**Luis G. Van Fossen Bravo**
CLAS
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bravo@pitt.edu

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 December.
Graduate Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Application Form
Spring Semester 2023

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

☐ 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: ______________________________ | Perm. Phone: ______________________________ |
| Local Phone: ________________________________ | Perm. Phone: ______________________________ |
| Citizenship: US Citizen Permanent Resident | Pitt PeopleSoft No. (if available): __________ |

Career Goals (check all that apply):
- ☐ Federal government
- ☐ International organization (in US)
- ☐ International organization (foreign)
- ☐ US Military
- ☐ Foreign government
- ☐ Elementary / secondary education
- ☐ State / local government
- ☐ Unknown
- ☐ Private sector - for profit
- ☐ Private sector - non-profit
- ☐ Other: _______________

### Academic Information

Undergraduate Information

| Institution: ________________________________ | Major(s) and QPA: __________________________ |

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 |

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: |
- ☐ 1st year (with approved exception - please consult appropriate center)
- ☐ 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: _____________________

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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 (OFAA) 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 OFAA.

Student Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________

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