

University of Pittsburgh
University Center for International Studies

Asian Studies Center – Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies –
European Studies Center

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships for Graduate Students

Academic Year 2021-2022

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 2021-2022 Academic Year. The UCIS centers that have been selected by the US Department of Education to distribute FLAS Fellowships this year are the Asian Studies Center (ASC); the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (REEES); and the European Studies Center (ESC).

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 five to eight fellowships for the academic year. Awarding of fellowships is contingent on centers’ annual 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 at least \$20,500. The fellowship may be supplemented with funding from other sources upon approval from the awarding center. FLAS Fellowships are awarded only for the study of modern, world languages.

Academic year fellows must be enrolled in a center-approved 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.** Students are encouraged to also read the FAQ available on our website (<https://www.ucis.pitt.edu/main/FLAS-fellowships>) for more details about the program and its requirements.

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, 2021

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 **one copy** of the following materials (no additional copies are required). Only completed application packets will be accepted.

- Completed application form (on following page) completed and signed by the applicant.
- Curriculum vitae (not exceeding two pages in length).
- All **undergraduate** and **graduate** transcripts (unofficial copies accepted). Should be submitted electronically as an encrypted attachment.
- **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 (sent separately via email to the appropriate Center contact below).

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, 2021**.

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 2021-2022

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

- Asian Studies Center
 Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies
 European Studies Center

Reminder: If you are applying to more than one center, you must submit separate applications for 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):

| | | |
|---|---|--|
| <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: _____

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:

1st year *(with approved exception - please consult appropriate center)*
 2nd year 4th year
 3rd 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: _____

(Please see next page)

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

Departmental Contact

Printed Name: _____

Email: _____

If the student is an applicant, has the student been admitted?

Yes
 No decision yet

Confirmed to attend Pitt? Yes No

UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
4400 Wesley W. Posvar Hall - Pittsburgh, PA 15260 - <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu>

FLASF- ELIGIBLE LANGUAGES

ASIAN STUDIES CENTER

*Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Vietnamese
(all 2nd year and above)*

CENTER FOR RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN, AND EURASIAN STUDIES

*Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Hungarian, Polish, Russian, Slovak, Turkish,
and Ukrainian (all 2nd year and above)*

EUROPEAN STUDIES CENTER

*Arabic, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Greek (Modern), Hebrew (Modern),
Hungarian, Irish Gaelic, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Swedish, and Turkish
(all 2nd year and above); French, German, and Spanish (all 3rd year and
above)*



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Optional Financial Aid Information Release Form

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 (OAFSA) 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 OAFSA.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____



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