

**Pennsylvania State University
The Center for Global Studies**

**Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships for Graduate Students
Summer 2015**

The Center for Global Studies is pleased to announce the competition for FLAS Fellowships for the Pennsylvania State University. FLAS Fellowships are authorized under Title VI of the Higher Education Act and are administered by the U.S. Department of Education.

FLAS Fellowships assist undergraduate and graduate students in achieving competency in select foreign languages and to conduct research in related international and area studies. The Center for Global Studies will award five graduate summer fellowships. Languages eligible for FLAS Fellowships are **Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Russian.**

The summer FLAS Fellowships consist of an institutional payment of \$5,000 (this amount provides funds for the recipient's tuition and fees) and a subsistence allowance of approximately \$2,500. Graduate awardees must be engaged in pre-dissertation level study, preparation for dissertation research, dissertation research abroad, or dissertation writing. Fellows applying for dissertation research abroad must be affiliated with an institution of higher education or similar entity in the host country during their stay. Academic achievement in relevant coursework (and relevant experiential learning such as an international internship, service learning, etc.) and the promise of further achievement will be the primary factors in the review of applicants.

Application Procedures

Evaluation of applications will begin on **February 15, 2015**,
but all applications will be considered until funds are fully allocated.

Requirements:

1. The language program must consist of at least 120 hours of language instruction for advanced level language courses, and at least 140 contact hours of language instruction for beginning and intermediate level language courses.
2. The language program must include at least six weeks of instruction.
3. The instruction should be performance-based (i.e. for credit or certification; with testing and grading)

Application packets containing the following items should be submitted to the Center for Global Studies:

- Completed and signed application form (provided on the following page)
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Undergraduate and graduate transcript(s) showing GPA and list of courses completed, as well as a printout of courses for which you have registered for the upcoming summer session or subsequent semester (or, if registration hasn't yet taken place, a list of planned courses). Penn State students can submit an eLion transcript, but an official transcript may be required if they are selected for an award.
- Statement of Purpose – a 1-2 page, double-spaced statement describing your interest and previous experience in the proposed FLAS language, how it fits into your career plans, and your interest or previous experience in the relevant geographical area(s) where the language is used
- Two confidential recommendations, including one from a relevant language instructor. Ask your recommenders to either seal their letters in an envelope, sign it across the seal, and give the envelope to you, so you can include it in your packet, OR email **directly** to CGS at flasinfo@psu.edu or cgsinfo@psu.edu.

Applications will be screened by a committee appointed by the FLAS Coordinator in consultation with the Director of the Center for Global Studies. The committee will have broad faculty representation across academic fields. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by late February.

Direct all applications and questions to

The Center for Global Studies, The Pennsylvania State University, 102 Old Botany Building, University Park, PA 16802
814.863.4288 | flasinfo@psu.edu | cgsinfo@psu.edu

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Application Form

Summer 2015 General Information

Name: _____ Penn State ID#: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Day) _____ (Alternate) _____ E-mail: _____

Major: _____ Academic Advisor (Name and E-mail) _____

Citizenship: US Citizen Permanent Resident

Career Goals (check all that apply):

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|---|---|--|
| <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

Department/School: _____

Major(s) and GPA: _____

Are you applying for other types of fellowships or scholarships for 2015-2016? Yes No

If yes, please specify: _____

Graduate Information

Department/School: _____ Master's MA/PhD Doctoral

Enrollment Status: Matriculated Applying

Will you be on campus during the award period? Yes No

If no, please explain:

Language Information

FLAS Target Language and Area (Country or Region of interest): _____

Language Level for which award is sought:

- 1st year 2nd year 3rd year 4th year 5th year

Prior acquaintance with this language

- no formal study, but knowledge through means such as family use, international residence or travel, self-instruction, etc.
- community school, religious instruction (how many years?)
- high school units (specify how many units/years)
- introductory, college level (Language 001, or first-semester)
- introductory, college level (Language 002, or second-semester)
- intermediate, college level (Language 003, or third semester)
- advanced (fourth semester or beyond)
- other (example: summer intensive or immersion courses)

Other languages with which you have experience, with a brief description, such as "conversational knowledge, spoken at home, no reading/writing," or "three years of study in high school," or "a one-month summer immersion course two years ago" (etc.).

The undersigned attests that the information contained in this application is true and complete.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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