

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

**Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships for Undergraduate Students
Academic-Year 2015-2016**

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 Fellowship assists undergraduate and graduate students to achieve competency in selected foreign languages and to conduct research in related international and area studies. The Center for Global Studies will award five undergraduate academic year fellowships. Languages eligible for FLAS Fellowships are **Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Russian**.

The academic year FLAS Fellowship consists of an institutional payment of \$10,000 (this amount provides funds for the recipient's tuition and fees) and a subsistence allowance of approximately \$5,000. Undergraduate awardees must be enrolled in the intermediate or advanced study of a language listed above. 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
Deadline: February 1, 2015

Application packets should be submitted to the Center for Global Studies by **February 1, 2015**. Packets should contain the following items:

- Completed and signed application form (provided on the following page)
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Official undergraduate 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)
- 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 should 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.

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.

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Application Form
Academic Year 2015-2016

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: _____

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:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd year | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd year | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th 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: _____

Direct all applications and questions to

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