

CENTER FOR AFRICAN STUDIES

Informational Session

FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS AFRICAN LANGUAGE FELLOWSHIPS

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11:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

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Zoom Instructions

- Mute mic and turn off video
- Place questions and comments in chat box.
- There will be a time for questions at the end.

AGENDA

- Center for African Studies
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships
 - Types
 - Requirements
- Application process
- African language fellowships
- Questions

Center for African Studies

- Comprehensive, **Title VI**, National Resource Center (NRC), funded by the U.S. Department of **Education**.
- Supports **Africa-related** teaching and research across HU.
- One of **10** NRCs in country.
- Provides Foreign Language and Area Studies (**FLAS**) Fellowships for **academic** year and **summer** tuition and stipend support.

Website: <https://cfas.howard.edu/>

2021/2022 FLAS Deadlines

Application period opens - **December 7, 2020**

Applications period closes – **February 15, 2021**

Summer 2021 and Academic yr. 2021/2022 FLAS

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African languages Offered

Academic Year

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Somali
- Swahili
- Wolof
- Yoruba
- Zulu

FLAS Fellowships

- Academic Year and Summer Fellowships
- Graduates and Undergraduates
- Academic year
 - Graduate Fellowships: **\$18,000** tuition and **\$15,000** stipend. Maximum: **\$33,000**.
 - Undergraduate Fellowships: **\$10,000** tuition and a **\$5,000** stipend. Maximum: **\$15,000**.
- Summer fellowships:
 - **Both** graduate and undergraduate students: **\$5,000** tuition and **\$2,500** for living expenses.

FLAS ELIGIBILITY: GENERAL

- Have clear **promise** of completing their academic program.
- Plan to **utilize** their training in their career.
- Have excellent academic records as evidenced by **GPA** and letters of recommendations
- Demonstrate a **financial need**.
 - May not be receiving concurrent federal support from other sources, except student loans and work/study.
- Be willing to comply with the U.S. Department of Education requirements including to be part of a FLAS fellows group surveyed every other year for a period of eight years regarding their career tracks.

FLAS ELIGIBILITY: ACADEMIC

- Be a **full-time** graduate or undergraduate student. First preference to Howard University students.
- Be a **U.S.** citizen, national or permanent resident.
- Propose a course that includes **both** an African language and an African area studies (non-language) course each semester (**Fall & Spring**).
- FLAS funds can **only** be allotted to students in the **intermediate or advanced** levels.
- All **overseas** program requests must be **approved** by the program officer at the U.S. Department of Education.

FLAS Independent Study

An independent study or a directed reading may be used to fulfill the **area studies** course requirement or the **language** course requirement of an academic year fellowship.

- The institution must submit the following to the program officer:
- **Syllabus** for the independent study or directed reading that describes—
 - the content and context of the independent study
 - course objectives
 - course requirements
 - standards for evaluating the student
 - schedule of assignments and deliverables
 - bibliography
- The instructor's **curriculum vitae**.
- An **explanation** for why an independent study is necessary.

FLAS Academic Language Level Exception

Graduate students at the beginning level of a less commonly taught language

- **if** the graduate student has achieved advanced proficiency in **another** language of the world area of specialization, and
- **if** learning a second language of that world area is **required** for the student's overall training and expertise.

FLAS ELIGIBILITY: Summer

- Student must choose their own program of study. HU programs-HUSSA, Swahili GPA and Yoruba GPA.
- FLAS funds used to **pay** for program cost.
- May be used at a **domestic program**, an **overseas** program or both.
- All overseas programs must be **approved** by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Receive **grades and credits** for the language courses.

FLAS ELIGIBILITY: Summer

- Only for **intensive** language studies.
- At least **six weeks** in duration and offers at least **120 contact hours** of instruction for students at the **advanced** level of the language.
- At **least six weeks** in duration and offers at least **140 contact hours** of instruction for students at the **beginning or intermediate** level of the language.

FLAS 2021 Travel Caution

- Uncertainty of travel next year due to **COVID-19** pandemic.
- Remain **flexible** in your plans.
- Attending programs abroad summer 2021 and/or academic year will **depend** on developments (vaccines, treatments, etc.) in the coming months.
- Subject to guidance from U.S. State Department.

FLAS Contact Hours and Weeks Options

- Attending **one** program,
- Attending **more than one** program,
- Supplementing hours with **private tutoring**, as long as the **required** total number of weeks and contact hours is obtained.
- Private tutoring must be **approved**.
 - submit a syllabus for the tutoring and the instructor's CV

FLAS Application Process

- Complete the online application form, available at <https://cfas.howard.edu/FLAS> and submit the application form including the following items:
- Copy of confirmation page for submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Confirmation page only.

FLAS Application Requirements

- **Two references** – Contact your references before entering their contact information and generating automatic emails from the online application system requesting to complete the referral.
- **Statement of purpose** (500 words maximum).
 - interest in Africa and/or African languages;
 - how the FLAS award will contribute to the work in your concentration, your research, and/or your future professional study/career aspirations; and
 - specifically, how you intend to use your knowledge of the language proposed for study.
 - Provide a separate statement of purpose for each application.

FLAS Application Requirements

- Current copies of **transcripts** from your academic institutions. Official copies not necessary.
- Copy of your **registration** for **both** an African Language and African area studies course. **Not necessary with application.**
- Current **resume** or CV: 2 pages maximum.
- **Proof of citizenship**
 - copy of passport,
 - birth certificate,
 - naturalization certificate,
 - certificate of citizenship,
 - US permanent resident card (green card).

FLAS Forfeiture

If it becomes necessary to resign or withdraw during the year for legitimate and acceptable reasons, the award will be **prorated** on a monthly basis. A FLAS fellow will be asked to **repay all expenses** met by FLAS fellowship if they fail to meet program guidelines or their withdrawal or resignation from the program is deemed unacceptable.

FLAS Registration Process

Login/Register <https://hucfas.org>

- First-time user click on the **Register** button for a
- Returning user click on the **Login** button if you are a

Enter the username and password

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Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships

Welcome Academic Year Program Eligibility Summer Program Eligibility How to Apply FLAS Follow-up

Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships

The Center for African Studies provides Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships through funding from the U.S. Department of Education Title VI program. FLAS Fellowships support students taking African languages (Amharic, Arabic, Somali, Swahili, Wolof, Yoruba and Zulu) and area studies coursework. The fellowships support intensive for-credit study of an African language and to promote the development of competency in African Studies either in the United States or abroad.

Costs covered by the three types of fellowships are as follows:

- Academic Year Graduate Fellowships provide \$18,000 tuition and \$15,000 fixed living stipend.
- Academic Year Undergraduate Fellowships provide \$10,000 tuition and a \$5,000 fixed living stipend.
- Summer fellowships provide \$5,000 tuition and \$2,500 for living expenses for both graduate and undergraduate students.

Log In/Register

First time visitor? Use the "Register" button. Once you submit your registration, use the "Log in" button and start your online application.

Register

Returning visitor? Use the "Log in" button and start your online application.

Log In

Forgot Password?

FLAS Applicant Dashboard

Once logged in, the applicant lands on the applicant dashboard.

- The program table contains the list of programs to apply to. (FLAS Academic Fellowship and FLAS Summer Fellowship).
 - **Select** the appropriate program and click create

FOREIGN LANGUAGE & AREA STUDIES (FLAS) FELLOWSHIPS

HOME MY DASHBOARD APPLICANT

My Programs

- To create an application, select the fellowship from the dropdown list below.
- To edit an application, click the **Edit** button.
- To withdraw an application deemed as eligible, click the **Withdraw** link under the Action column. The withdrawn application cannot be edited after. You can request to remove the withdrawal by emailing us at wheeler.r.winstead@Howard.edu
- To view your application as it will appear to the selection committee, click on the **Download** button.

FLAS Academic Fellowship

Select...

FLAS Academic Fellowship

FLAS Summer Fellowship

		Close Date	Status	
2009	FLAS Academic Fellowship	Dec 31, 2020	DRAFT	<input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Download"/> <input type="button" value="Withdraw"/>
2012	FLAS Summer Fellowship	Dec 31, 2020	DRAFT	<input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Download"/> <input type="button" value="Withdraw"/>

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FLAS Application Form

Answer the eligibility questions and click on the **Save** button to determine eligibility.

Applicant Information

Save

(FLAS) Academic Fellowship Eligibility

Please carefully answer the eligibility questions to be assessed if you are eligible or ineligible for the Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Fellowship. If you are deemed ineligible to apply and have concerns with the assessment, please contact the award administrator at wheeler.r.winstead@Howard.edu.

Please review the [FLAS Fellowships Eligibility Requirements](#) before applying. **Applicants should only submit a maximum of one Academic Year application and/or one Summer Award application per year. Multiple submissions for each fellowship type will deem applicants ineligible for review.**

Click Save to submit your responses.

Are you a full-time HU graduate or undergraduate student?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Are you in intermediate (2nd Year) or advanced (3rd Year) language level?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

FLAS Application Form

If deemed eligible, applicants will be given access to the remainder of the form. Fill out all the mandatory fields and press **Submit as Final** button to submit the application.

Please save your work periodically. The system will time out your session after fifteen (15) minutes of inactivity.

Applicant Information | Program | Languages | Other Information | Required Materials | References

Confirmation

Save | Submit as Final

(FLAS) Summer Fellowship Eligibility

Please carefully answer the eligibility questions to be assessed if you are eligible or ineligible for the Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship. If you are deemed ineligible to apply and have concerns with the assessment, please contact the award administrator at wheeler.r.winstead@Howard.edu.

Please review the [FLAS Fellowships Eligibility Requirements](#) before applying. **Applicants should only submit a maximum of one Academic Year application and/or one Summer Award application per year. Multiple submissions for each fellowship type will deem applicants ineligible for review.**

Click Save to submit your responses.

Are you planning to take an intensive language study?* Yes No

2020

Last Updated: Aug 18, 2020

Application Status: DRAFT

Download Application:

Key Dates

Application Open:	Feb 4, 2016
Application Close:	Dec 31, 2020

Contact Us

FLAS Application Form

If deemed ineligible, the applicants will not be able to submit the application. For further inquiries, please contact the program administrator.

The screenshot displays a web application interface for the FLAS Academic Fellowship. A white modal dialog box is centered on the screen, containing the following text: "FLAS Academic Fellowship" followed by "Thank you for your interest in the FLAS Academic Fellowship program. Based on your answers, you are deemed ineligible. Please contact program administrator if you have any questions." and a "Close" button. The background is dimmed, showing the application form's header with "RD CITY" and "AFRI HOW" logos, a navigation bar with "MY DASHBOARD" and "APPLICANT", and a sidebar with "Application Summary" details: "Application ID: 2013", "Application Deadline: Dec 31, 2020", "Last Updated: Nov 26, 2020", "Application Status: DRAFT", and "Download Application: [icon]". A "Save" button is visible at the bottom of the form area.

FLAS Application Status

Draft/Final

- Applications that are incomplete will be saved as **draft**, and the user can edit the application by clicking the Edit button.
- After all the mandatory fields are completed, users can submit as **FINAL**

My Programs

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Select...

ID#	Program Name	Close Date	Status	
2009	FLAS Academic Fellowship <input data-bbox="795 1006 846 1049" type="button" value="..."/>	Dec 31, 2020	DRAFT	<input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Download"/> <input type="button" value="Withdraw"/>
2013	FLAS Academic Fellowship <input data-bbox="795 1106 846 1149" type="button" value="..."/>	Dec 31, 2020	FINAL	<input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Download"/> <input type="button" value="Withdraw"/>
2012	FLAS Summer Fellowship <input data-bbox="795 1192 846 1235" type="button" value="..."/>	Dec 31, 2020	WITHDRAWN <input data-bbox="1265 1192 1284 1220" type="button" value="?"/>	<input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Download"/> <input type="button" value="Withdraw"/>

For any questions about program access or criteria, please reach out to the system administrator.

For more information on FLAS

See CFAS Website.

- <https://cfas.howard.edu/academics/language-programs>

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Other Summer African Language Programs

- Howard University Swahili Study Abroad, HUSSA
- Swahili Group Project Aboard (GPA)
- Yoruba Group Project Aboard (GPA)

Dates for the all 2021 programs will be announced soon.

Howard University Swahili Study Abroad (HUSSA)

Intensive community-based Swahili language and cultural program designed to enhance your language proficiency and promote knowledge and understanding of East Africa in a global context through Swahili language immersion.

- Operates in Tanzania and Kenya
- Open to current students in all HU schools and departments as well as non-HU students.

Program Highlights: HUSSA

- Enhance your language proficiency skills through total immersion
- Get hands-on exposure to East African arts and crafts
- Use Swahili language with local people on a daily basis
- Engage in cultural and educational excursions
- Tour and enjoy the rich cultural and historical island of Zanzibar
- Take a tour of one of the local national parks

Program Description: HUSSA

Six (6) weeks studying Swahili language and culture in Tanzania and Kenya.

- Mandatory orientation
- One week in Moshi or Kisumu
- Two weeks in Kenya, and
- Three weeks in Dar es Salaam.
- Visit Zanzibar to learn more about coastal Swahili culture and Indian Ocean trade

Program Cost: HUSSA

- \$5,900 includes airfare, living expenses and all costs abroad.
- Can apply for Summer FLAS Fellowship
- Does not include Howard University tuition for credit.

Contact information: HUSSA

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Program Description: Swahili GPA

- Intensive **Advanced** Language Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program of the U.S. Department of Education
- Coordinated by the Department of World Languages and Cultures in collaboration with the Center for African Studies
- National competition

Program Description: Swahili GPA

- Mandatory orientation
- Eight (8) consecutive weeks
- Homestay with a Swahili family
- 5 to 6 hours of intensive daily Swahili language instruction and interactions
- Cultural activities
- Excursions to historical and cultural sites on weekends

Eligibility: Swahili GPA

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- have had at least three or four semesters of Swahili language instruction
- have commitment to a career in African Studies

Program Costs: Swahili GPA

- International travel to/from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and Washington DC
- Overseas tuition
- Accommodations and food for the program duration
- Program-related transportation in Tanzania
- Educational materials distributed during the program

Costs not covered: Swahili GPA

- Program fee of \$1,000 that covers administrative expenses in the United States
- Local travel from the participants' homes to Washington DC airport and return after the program.
- Mandatory health insurance for the summer abroad in Tanzania
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunizations and other health-care expenses related to travel
- Travel done on the student's own time
- Cannot use FLAS Fellowship to cover cost.

Contact information: Swahili GPA

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Program Description: Yoruba GPA

- Intensive **Advanced** program of the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program of the U.S. Department of Education
- Coordinated by the Department of World Languages and Cultures in collaboration with the Center for African Studies
- National Competition

Program Description: Yoruba GPA

- Mandatory orientation
- Eight (8) consecutive weeks
- Homestay with a Yoruba family
- 6 credit hours of daily Yoruba language instruction and interaction. (To be transferred directly by the University of Ibadan to each participant's institution in the United States)
- Daily conversations
- Cultural activities on campus
- Weekly excursions to cultural and historical sites outside campus

Eligibility: Yoruba GPA

- U. S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Undergraduate or graduate student with at least 2 semesters (4 quarters) of Yoruba language instruction at immediate mid-level or equivalent. Submit your transcript that shows evidence.
- Submit two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from one of your Yoruba instructors.
- Submit a statement of purpose that includes
 - (i) your reasons for applying for the fellowship and
 - (ii) your commitment to African Studies.

Program Costs: Yoruba GPA

- International travel to/from Nigeria and Washington DC
- Overseas tuition
- Accommodations and food for the program duration
- Program-related transportation in Nigeria
- Educational materials distributed during the program

Costs not covered: Yoruba GPA

- Program fee of \$1,000 that covers administrative expenses in the United States
- Local travel from the participants' homes to Washington DC area airports and return after the program.
- Mandatory health insurance for the summer abroad in Nigeria.
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunizations and other health-care expenses related to travel
- Travel done on the student's own time
- **Cannot use FLAS Fellowship to cover cost.**

Contact information: Yoruba GPA

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