CENTER FOR AFRICAN STUDIES

Informational Session

FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS
AFRICAN LANGUAGE FELLOWSHIPS

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2:00 PM TO 3:00 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.
• 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
Howard University
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, with exception of the summer FLAS.

▪ 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 deemed unacceptable.

• If you fail your African language or Africa areas course in the fall you forfeit spring. If you fail in the spring will be required to repay if its 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
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.
Answer the eligibility questions and click on the Save button to determine eligibility.
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.
FLAS Application Form

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

- 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.

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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

- African Language Summer Institute 2021
- 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.
WE PROUDLY BRING YOU

HU AFRICAN LANGUAGE INSTITUTE SUMMER 2021

MAY 17 - JUNE 25
HYBRID: ONLINE & FACE TO FACE

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

For more information, please contact the Department of World Languages and Cultures at (202) 806-6758

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This program was developed in partnership with NASA's Institute for Education. However, these contents do not necessarily represent the policy of the U.S. Department of Education, and you should not assume endorsement by the Federal Government.
WHAT DO WE OFFER?

7 LANGUAGES FEATURED:

- Amharic - Different levels
- Arabic - Two levels
- Somali - Two levels
- Swahili - All levels: Beginners, Intermediate, & Advanced.
- Wolof - Two levels
- Yoruba - Two levels
- Zulu - Two levels

Credits: HU Credits - 6 credits equivalent to one academic year of language instruction
Tuition: $2940 x 2 = $5,880.00
Accommodation: Varies (Howard University Hostels charge between $55.00 – $55.00 per day).
Meals: Cost varies but the university has a meal plan you can choose from.

Please follow the link and complete the registration form to secure your spot!

https://survey.g2l.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cAafvhZf2LWcWwZ

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - APRIL 15, 2021.
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 weeks in Moshi or Kisiwani
- 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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