

Foreign Language and Area, FLAS Studies Fellowships African Language Programs

Informational Session

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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.
- Provides Foreign Language and Area Studies (**FLAS**) Fellowships for **academic** year and **summer** in the form of tuition and stipend support.

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

2022 Summer FLAS Deadlines

Application period opens - November 1, 2021

Applications period closes – February 18, 2022 @
5:00 PM EST.

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African languages Offered

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

FLAS Fellowships

- FLAS is a funding sources only.
- Student chooses the institution and program.
- Academic Year and Summer Fellowships
 - Summer 2022
 - Academic yr. 2022/2023 FLAS – to be determined
- Graduates and Undergraduates.

Fellowships

- 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: GENERAL

Undergraduate students must be at the **intermediate or advanced** level of language study.

Graduate student can be at the

- Predissertation level study;
- Preparation for dissertation research;
- Dissertation research abroad; or
- Dissertation writing

Graduate Student Beginning Level Exception

- 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 Summer Institute, HU programs-HUSSA, Swahili GPA, Yoruba GPA, other programs.
- FLAS funds used to **pay** for program cost.
- May be used at a **domestic program**, an **overseas** program or both.
- All overseas program 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 2022 Travel Caution

- Uncertainty of travel next year due to **COVID-19** pandemic.
- Remain flexible in your plans.
- **FLAS** funding to attending programs abroad summer 2022 year will depend on developments in the coming months and subject to guidance from U.S. State Department.
- <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/>

FLAS Contact Hours and Weeks Options

- Attending **one** program,
- Attending **more than one** program,
- Private tutoring must be **approved**.
 - submit a syllabus for the tutoring and the instructor's CV

FLAS Application Process

- Complete the online application at the following links to apply
- <https://cfas.howard.edu/FLAS>
- <https://hucfas.org/>

FLAS Application Requirements

- **Statement of purpose** (500 words maximum).
 - how the FLAS award will contribute to the work in your concentration, your research, and/or your future professional study/career aspirations; and
 - Provide a separate statement of purpose for each application.
- **Two references**
 - Contact your references before entering their contact information. System generates automatic emails from the online application system requesting to complete the referral.

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

The screenshot shows the website for the Center for African Studies at Howard University, specifically the Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships page. The page has a dark blue header with the university and center logos, and the text 'Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships'. Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Welcome', 'Academic Year Program Eligibility', 'Summer Program Eligibility', 'How to Apply', and 'FLAS Follow-up'. The main content area is titled 'Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships' and contains a paragraph about the program, a list of costs covered, and a list of fellowship types. On the right side, there is a 'Log In/Register' section with instructions for first-time visitors and returning visitors, and buttons for 'Register' and 'Log In'. Red arrows from the text above point to the 'Register' and 'Log In' buttons.

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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

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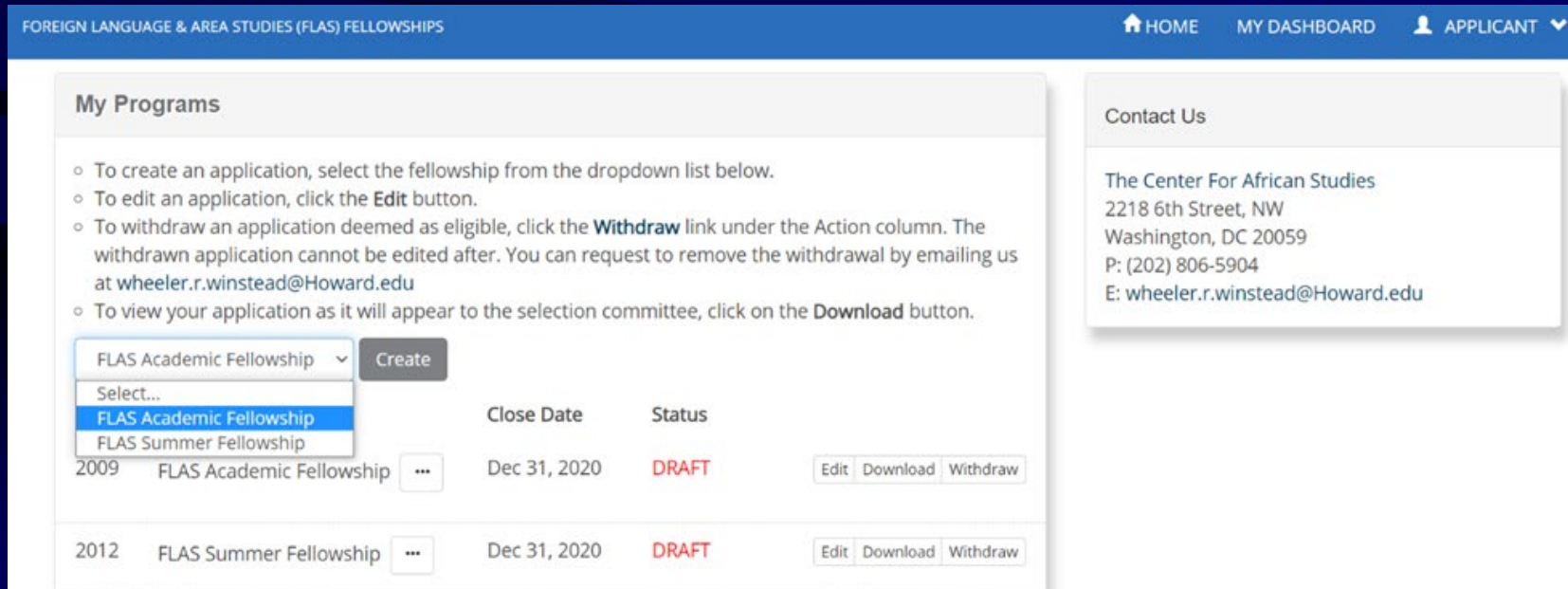
Log In

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

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 notification 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 shows a dark blue header with "RD CITY" and "AFR" logos. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with "MY DASHBOARD" and "APPLICANT" (with a dropdown arrow). The main content area is titled "Academic Fe" and contains instructions: "Please answer the questions carefully and answer as completely as possible. Required information is marked with an asterisk * in order for your application to be considered." and a warning: "Your session will time out periodically. The system will time out your session after fifteen (15) minutes of inactivity." A "Save" button is visible at the bottom of the form area. On the right side, there is a sidebar titled "Application Summary" with the following details: "Application ID: 2013", "Application Deadline: Dec 31, 2020", "Last Updated: Nov 26, 2020", "Application Status: DRAFT", and "Download Application:" with a download icon.

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...

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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 Howard University

Summer African Language Programs

- Howard University Swahili Study Abroad, HUSSA – **Deadline January 31, 2022.**
- Howard University Summer African Language Institute – **Deadline TBA.**
- Swahili Group Project Aboard (GPA) – **Deadline January 31, 2022.**
- Yoruba Group Project Aboard (GPA) – **Deadline February 15, 2022.**

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 week 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 expensive and all cost abroad.
- Can apply for Summer FLAS Fellowship
- Does not include Howard school 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
- Program dates: **Sat., June 11 – Sat., August 5, 2022**
- Location: **Yoruba Language Center, University of Ibadan, Nigeria**
- Coordinated by the Depart. 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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