



Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) 2014-2015 FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION for Undergraduate Students in STEM Fields for Chinese, Japanese, Korean and other East Asian languages

The East Asian Studies Center (EASC) at The Ohio State University (OSU) is seeking applications for fellowships for Summer Semester 2014 and Academic Year 2014-2015 under the U.S. Department of Education's Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship program. These fellowships are available to undergraduate students of junior or senior standing in a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) field who have successfully completed two years of East Asian language study at the college level by the start of the fellowship. Summer 2014 fellowships are expected to cover \$5,000 in tuition and fee support and also provide a \$2,500 stipend. Academic Year 2014-2015 fellowships are expected to contribute \$10,000 towards tuition and fees and also provide a \$5,000 stipend.

Subject to approval, academic-year FLAS fellowships may also be used for foreign language and area studies at other U.S. or foreign institutions. Because FLAS Fellowships are language and area study-based, all academic-year award recipients must be enrolled in at least one three-credit, classroom-taught language course and at least one three-credit area studies course each semester during the tenure of the fellowship. Academic-year award recipients must also be full-time students. In order to gauge each student's language progress during the period of their fellowship, recipients are required to take a language proficiency entrance examination in the beginning of the academic year and an exit examination at the end of the academic year. FLAS Fellows are also required to meet with the FLAS Coordinator prior to the start of each semester to discuss their course load and program of study. In addition, all recipients are required to submit pre-fellowship and post-fellowship online reports to the U.S. Department of Education, and participate in brief bi-annual surveys on their job placement and use of language skills for eight years post-graduation. If a Fellow fails to meet any of these requirements, money may be withheld and/or he/she will be required to return the money given to them including payments for tuition.

Summer fellowships are awarded for intensive language study only. Intensive programs eligible for support must encompass the equivalent of a full year of language study with at least 120 contact/classroom hours in instruction for advanced language levels and offer at least 6 weeks of instruction. Individualized instruction and audited classes are ineligible for a Summer FLAS. Summer fellowships may be used for intensive language study at institutions other than OSU including study abroad. In such cases, applicants must provide itemized data on tuition, fees, and room and board expenses using the attached Language Instruction Budget Estimate form. Summer award recipients must register for a minimum of 6 semester credit hours of language courses during the award period. They are also required to meet with the FLAS Coordinator, take a language proficiency entrance and exit exam before and after their program of study, submit both pre-fellowship and post-fellowship online reports to the Department of Education, and participate in brief bi-annual surveys on their job placement and use of language skills for eight years post-graduation. If a Fellow fails to meet any of these requirements, support may be withheld and/or he/she will be required to return funds given to them, including payments for tuition and fees.

Undergraduate FLAS awards are restricted to students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields; for a list of relevant majors, see http://undergrad.osu.edu/pdf/OSU_STEM.pdf. Applicants must also be of junior or senior standing and have successfully completed two years of East Asian language study at the college level before the start of the fellowship. Additionally, undergraduate applicants are required to have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.4. All applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. U.S. government regulations require all recipients of a FLAS travel award (available in some circumstances for summer fellows) to comply with the provisions appearing in the Fly America Act. Specifically, all tickets for overseas flights purchased with U.S. Dept. of Education funds must be on a U.S. carrier, unless the traveler is able to meet specific exception requirements.

Awards will be made through EASC for Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. Applications for other East Asian languages (e.g. Tibetan, Uyghur, Mongolian) will also be considered. If applying for an award in more than one language, separate applications for each language/area study focus must be submitted. In awarding Summer 2014 fellowships, priority will be given to students who are likely to enter government service or a professional field. Lowest priority will be given to native-level speakers. In awarding Academic Year 2014-2015 fellowships, EASC will base its priorities off of the 2014-2018 FLAS competition priorities expected to be announced by the U.S. Department of Education in February 2014.

Applicants are responsible for contacting language departments at OSU or elsewhere and establishing that their requested level of language instruction will be offered in 2014-2015.

Please note: The awarding of Academic Year 2014-15 FLAS fellowships is dependent upon the award of Title VI FLAS funding for EASC in the national 2014-2018 FLAS grant competition operated by the U.S. Department of Education.

Application Procedures

The APPLICATION DEADLINE is **Monday, February 3, 2014 at 4:30 PM** for both Summer 2014 and Academic Year 2014-2015 fellowship applications.

Applicants are eligible to apply for both summer and academic year fellowships. Contact the East Asian Studies Center (614-688-4253, easc@osu.edu) with any questions regarding your application for an East Asia FLAS Fellowship. No consideration will be given to forms that are incompletely or improperly filled out.

A complete application includes the following:

- 1) The completed Undergraduate Students in STEM Fields **Application Form** for the EASC FLAS fellowship. Application forms are available from EASC (314 Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Ave.), and online at <http://easc.osu.edu>. Please note that there are separate applications for summer and academic year fellowships.
- 2) An up-to-date **OSU advising report** of all college courses taken and grades received (Note: Applicants for both summer and academic year fellowships need only submit one set of transcripts.)
- 3) A one-page single-spaced **Statement of Intent** (see page 3 of both the Summer and Academic Year applications).
- 4) **Three letters of reference** from faculty members familiar with the student's work, including:
 - One letter from a STEM faculty that can speak to the applicant's qualifications in STEM, and preferably to how the applicant plans to combine STEM with an international career
 - One letter from a language faculty at the college level to speak to applicant's language ability
 - One letter from a faculty in any field that can speak to applicant's commitment to international studiesLetters are to be sent directly by the referee to the East Asian Studies Center. Applicants for both summer and academic year fellowships need only submit one set of references.
- 5) Completed Summer and Academic Year Language Instruction **Budget Estimate forms**. (Note: For students attending summer programs abroad or intensive language programs in the U.S., all information regarding budget and program application contact information must be included with the FLAS application.)

Applicants can submit materials one of two ways:

- 1) Preferred method is by U.S. Mail; must be postmarked by Monday, February 3, 2014.
- 2) In person at the East Asian Studies Center office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2014. Applicants may request a signed confirmation of receipt when submitting application in person. Please note that in the event an EASC staff member is not available, applicants are advised to submit their application via U.S. mail to:

**East Asian Studies Center
FLAS Competition
314 Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Ave,
Columbus, OH 43210-1219**



☐ Please check this box if you grant permission to The Ohio State University to publish your name in an announcement, if you receive this Fellowship.

OSU East Asian Studies Center
FLAS Fellowship Application Form
 Academic Year 2014-2015

Proposed Language of Study: _____ Level: _____

How many quarters/semesters have you completed _____
 in your proposed language of study? *quarters:* _____ *semesters:* _____

other: _____

Estimate your current level of proficiency in your
 proposed language of study: ☐ *superior* ☐ *advanced* ☐ *intermediate* ☐ *elementary*

Have you ever taken a language proficiency examination? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which type of test? _____ Score _____ Date _____

Have you ever studied an East Asian language? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which language(s) did you study? _____ Level: _____

If yes, at which institution(s) did you study? _____

Have you ever lived / studied in East Asia? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe:

What are your long-term career goals?

☐ I hereby certify that I will be registered as a full-time student earning a minimum of 12 semester credit hours which will include at least 1 language and 1 area studies course during each semester of the award period. I propose to enroll in the courses listed (by title and level, i.e. elementary, intermediate or advanced) below and have contacted the appropriate language department(s) to determine that these courses will be offered during the 2014-2015 Academic Year.

Please indicate the specific language and area studies courses you plan to take during the year of your award:

Autumn Semester 2014	Spring Semester 2015

☐ I intend to study at another university (domestic or abroad). Please list:

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Colleges and Universities Attended (including length of time spent at The Ohio State University)

College or University and City and State Where Located	Dates of Attendance	Degree Earned	Date Awarded or Expected	Field or Specialization

Scores for Admissions Test(s) for Undergraduate Program of Study:

	CRITICAL READING	MATHEMATICS	WRITING	SCALED	DATE OF TEST
SAT Scores:					
SAT Percentile:					
	ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS	READING	SCIENCE	COMPOSITE
ACT Scores:					
ACT Percentile:					
Other:					

References: List names and titles of at least three persons whose recommendations have been solicited. Deliver a Personal Reference Form directly to those persons. If applying for different languages in the Academic and Summer competitions, or to the competitions in the other area studies centers, the applicant should ask the referee to address the suitability of the proposed language study programs. Each Personal Reference Form should be returned to the East Asian Studies Center at the address listed at the bottom of the reference form by the person from whom a recommendation has been solicited.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Statement of Intent: Include a one-page single-spaced statement of intent describing your program of study with special emphasis on the languages and area study you propose in this application, their relevance to your study and career plans, and your anticipated level of proficiency at the beginning of the award period. Specifically address how the language and area studies program will fit into your STEM/international career profile.

Certification of Truth Statement:

I affirm that the information I have provided on this application form, and any additional material that I submit related to the Title VI FLAS Fellowship Competition at The Ohio State University is complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge. I authorize each college or school I have attended to release academic and personal information related to this admission application upon request of The Ohio State University. I agree to submit other materials which are required for this fellowship application. I understand that furnishing false or incomplete information on any part of this application or related materials may result in disciplinary action under the Administrative Code of The Ohio State University. I also understand that if I receive a FLAS Fellowship, it is my obligation to inform the East Asian Studies Center of any other fellowship or grant that I receive during the period of award.

Legal Signature of Applicant

Date

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Language Instruction Budget Estimate East Asian Studies Center FLAS Fellowship Competition

2014-2015 Academic Year

Please complete the appropriate sections:

Name: _____
(last) (first) (middle/maiden)

- ☐ If you intend to remain at OSU, please check the box, and attach this form to the Academic Year application form. You do not need to complete the below.

If not at OSU, which institution do you plan to study a foreign language as a FLAS recipient?

Name of Institution: _____

Cost of the Non-OSU Language Program (attach supporting documentation)*

Tuition/Fees: _____

Does the institution have a reciprocal tuition payment agreement with OSU? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Room and Board: _____ Travel Expenses: _____

Other Program Costs (if any). Please be specific:

Please supply fax, phone, e-mail, and/or website address of contact person at host institution.

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OSU East Asian Studies Center
FLAS Fellowship Application Form
Summer 2014

Proposed Language of Study: _____ Level: _____

How many quarters/semesters have you completed _____
in your proposed language of study? *quarters:* _____ *semesters:* _____

other: _____

Estimate your current level of proficiency in your
proposed language of study: ☐ *superior* ☐ *advanced* ☐ *intermediate* ☐ *elementary*

Have you ever taken a language proficiency examination? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which type of test? _____ Score _____ Date _____

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Have you ever lived / studied in East Asia? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe:

What are your long-term career goals?

☐ I hereby certify that I will be registered as a full-time student earning a minimum of 6 semester credit hours and that I will complete an intensive language program equivalent to at least 120 contact/classroom hours for advanced level or 140 contact/classroom hours for the intermediate or beginning level during the award period. I propose to enroll in the courses listed (by title and level, i.e. intermediate or advanced) below and have contacted the appropriate language programs to determine that these courses will be offered during Summer 2014.

Please indicate the specific language courses you plan to take during the summer of your award:

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Language Instruction Budget Estimate

East Asian Studies Center FLAS Fellowship Competition

Summer 2014

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Name: _____
(last) (first) (middle/maiden)

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Room and Board: _____ Travel Expenses: _____

Other Program Costs (if any). Please be specific:

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Name

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Please type or print:

1. Name: _____
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2. Major(s): _____

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4. Please list the courses you took under the direction of the person completing this form:

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5. To the Person Completing This Form:

The student named above has applied for a U.S. Department of Education Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship. Please complete this personal reference form and return it via U.S. mail or in person to the above address **no later than February 3, 2014**. If you have not had the applicant as a student, you may prefer to write a separate letter and attach it to this form. If you do not know this student well, please feel free to say so; such frankness will not prejudice the candidate's chance in the competition.

I have verified that item 4 above is correct: ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ I do not know the student well enough to give him or her a recommendation.

6. Recommendation for Award of Fellowship:

- ☐ I strongly recommend the applicant
☐ I recommend the applicant
☐ I recommend the applicant with reservations
☐ I do not recommend the applicant

7. **Summary Evaluation:** In comparison with a representative group of students in the same field who have had approximately the same amount of experience and training, how do you rate the applicant in general research and scholarly ability?

- ☐ Outstanding (highest 5%)
☐ Very good (next highest 10%)
☐ Good (in upper 25%)
☐ Average (in upper 50%)
☐ Below average

Note: Please indicate the educational level of the representative group with whom the applicant is compared:

- ☐ Advanced graduate students
☐ First-year graduate students
☐ College juniors or seniors

8. Some gifted individuals have mediocre scholastic records. Is the applicant's scholastic record, as you know it, an accurate index of his or her scholastic ability?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

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Signature of Recommender: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____ Tel: _____

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