

## GRADUATE

### Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year (AY) Fellowship Application

**DEADLINE: February 15, annually**

#### Eligibility & Requirements:

- The Graduate AY FLAS is intended to award students for the study of African languages in pursuit of advanced degrees who need the skills to carry out their research work
- Awardees must demonstrate potential for high academic achievement based on indices such as GPA, class ranking, or similar measures
- **Applicants must be a US citizen, national or permanent resident**
- Must be enrolled full-time in institution receiving an allocation of fellowships
- Awardees must enroll in one African language course and one area studies course per semester of the award

- Must partake regularly in center events for duration of award
- Must provide clear statement of goals for studying African language
- A student using the FLAS award to study abroad must remain enrolled in his or her home institution. All programs abroad must be approved by USED prior to departure

#### Standard Award:

- \$18,000 tuition waiver
- \$15,000 stipend

#### Additional funding for FLAS Awardees from the Graduate School:

- *remainder of a recipient's tuition (full-tuition award)*
- *possible increase in stipend award depending on program and college to \$25,000*

## INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLY

Submit all the items included on the checklist on the next page by the application deadline to Joanne Hart, room 514, at the African Studies Center, 232 Bay State Road. ***An incomplete file will automatically disqualify you from consideration.***

**Incoming students:** You may ask the BU department to which you have applied to forward copies of your letters of reference, transcripts, and test scores to the African Studies Center. Applicants should call or email Joanne Hart (617-353-7311 / [johart@bu.edu](mailto:johart@bu.edu)) prior to the application deadline to confirm that the Center has received your materials.

**Policy on Incompletes:** You will not be considered if you have two or more incompletes on your record resulting from failure to complete course requirements. You will be considered only prejudicially if you have one incomplete.

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### Checklist

#### Incoming students and continuing students that are new applicants:

- ☐ Graduate Academic Year FLAS Application Form
- ☐ A 250-word statement of purpose. This statement should describe your specific academic interests, your career goals and plans, and your specific interests in studying an African language.
- ☐ African language questionnaire
- ☐ Two letters of reference
- ☐ Transcripts from all colleges or universities previously attended
- ☐ TOEFL scores, if required for admission to your program
- ☐ GRE, GMAT, LSAT or MCAT scores, if required for admission to your program

#### Previous applicants:

- ☐ Graduate Academic Year FLAS Application Form
- ☐ Most recent transcript
- ☐ Provide an updated 250-word statement
- ☐ Progress report written by your advisor noting updated status of your coursework /qualifying exams/research proposal

### INCOMING STUDENTS

#### Provide your standardized exam scores

GRE [Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Quantitative \_\_\_\_\_ Analytical \_\_\_\_\_]

TOEFL \_\_\_\_\_ GMAT \_\_\_\_\_ MCAT \_\_\_\_\_ LSAT \_\_\_\_\_

List every post-secondary academic institution you have attended. Include dates attended, degree conferred, and GPA.

Institution	Years Attended	Final Degree	GPA

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You are applying as a:

- ☐ Incoming Student
- ☐ Continuing Student, New Applicant
- ☐ Continuing Student, Previous Applicant

Title Mr/Ms      BU ID Number

Email(s)

Last Name, First, Middle

Street Address

City, State, Zip, Country

Telephone

Permanent Address

**Current or Applied for Degree Program:**

Masters ☐      MA/PhD ☐      PhD ☐      Department/Program \_\_\_\_\_

### FLAS Eligibility

US Citizenship/National/Permanent Resident? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

### References

Names of those writing reference letters:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

References ☐ 1) are attached ☐ 2) will be e-mailed by referee ☐ 3) will be mailed by referee (Check one)

### African Language Study

African language to be studied (check one):

☐ Amharic ☐ Arabic ☐ Hausa ☐ Xhosa ☐ Zulu ☐ Swahili ☐ Wolof **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

What level of language study are you applying for (check one)

☐ First Year ☐ Second Year ☐ Third Year ☐ Fourth Year **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

### Required Signature

I hereby certify that the information given by me on this application is complete and accurate.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### For Continuing Students Only

1. Year in which you entered your current program? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you completed your required graduate course work? \_\_\_\_\_

**If “NO”: when do you expect to complete course work?**

Number of credit hours (not courses) required for degree program	
Number of required credit hours completed to date	
Number of credit hours remaining in program	

**If “YES”: list the qualifying exams required for your program**

Of these, list the exams taken and passed to date

3. Graduate Grade Point Average (approximate) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Dissertation Topic & Expected date of completion
5. List past financial aid received from the African Studies Center and Boston University