

Summer Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Application

Annual Deadline: February 15

Award: Up to \$5,000 tuition award plus \$2,500 summer stipend. Possibility of up to \$1000 travel grant.

Eligibility, Requirements:

- The Summer FLAS supports students to study a language intensively, either in the US or in Africa. Language programs in Africa must be approved by the Department of Education prior to an award being allocated
- Undergraduate students who will have studied an African language for at least one year are eligible to apply. Graduate students can use the Summer FLAS to study at the beginning level, although certain restrictions apply. See the Department of Education FLAS website for complete eligibility rules (<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsflasf/index.html>)
- Students must show potential for high academic achievement based on indices such as GPA, class ranking, or similar measures
- Financial need is considered
- **Applicants must be a US citizen, national or permanent resident**
- Graduating undergraduate seniors must be accepted into a graduate program starting the following semester to be eligible for a summer award
- Must provide clear statement of goals for studying an African language

INSTRUCTONS TO APPLY

Submit all the items included on the appropriate checklist below by the application deadline in paper format to the African Studies Center, 232 Bay State Road, Room 514 or in electronic pdf format to Joanne Hart at johart@bu.edu.

An incomplete file will disqualify you from consideration.

Application Checklist for undergraduate students applying for first time:

- Undergraduate Student Academic Year FLAS Application Form
- A 500-word statement of purpose. This statement should describe your specific academic interests in studying an African language and your career goals and plans.
- African language questionnaire
- Two letters of reference
- Current unofficial transcript
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application filled out with results sent to Boston University

Application Checklist for previous awardees/applicants:

- Undergraduate Student Academic Year FLAS Application Form
- Current unofficial transcript
- Provide an updated 500-word statement describing purpose of continued language study or any changes in your goals for your language study
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application filled out with results sent to Boston University

1. You are applying as a:

- First time application
- Previous Applicant, non-awardee
- Previous Applicant, FLAS Awardee

2. BU ID Number

3. Email

4. Last Name, First, Middle

5. Street Address

6. City, State, Zip, Country

7. Telephone

8. Permanent Address

9. Your major(s) and minor(s):

10. What year are you in your studies?

11. GPA?

12. US Citizenship/National/Permanent Resident? Yes No

13. Place of Birth & Date of Birth

14. Names of those writing reference letters:

A.

B.

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

15. African language to be studied:

16. What level of language study are you applying to study (check one)

- Intermediate (2nd Year) Intermediate Advanced (3rd Year) Advanced (4th Year) Other

17. Required Signature

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

Signature

Date

18. Please do not forget to attach your statement concerning your interest in studying an African language and your career intentions.

19. Have you applied for a FLAS Award through any other National Resource Center for African Studies? If so, which university?

20. For students intending to study overseas, please initial here to verify your health insurance will cover you while studying overseas. If you are on the BU Student Health Insurance Plan you are covered. If you have an insurance waiver you must determine whether your coverage exists for study abroad. Initial here _____ .