

Graduate Financial Aid Application

Graduate financial aid from the African Studies Center may be provided in two forms, the *Foreign Language Area Studies* (FLAS) fellowship and *Graduate School of Arts and Sciences* (GRS) aid.

Only US citizens and permanent residents are eligible for FLAS fellowships. Recipients are required to enroll in one African language course and one area studies course each semester of the award period. The graduate fellowship is equal to an \$18,000 tuition waiver and a \$15,000 living stipend for the award year plus health insurance (total of \$33,000).

GRS financial aid may include an award for continuing fees, tuition, GSU fees, and/or a stipend, depending on the graduate student's status in their degree program. An award for GRS continuing student fees is only available to students who have completed their coursework and can only be awarded for a total of two years. GRS tuition awards may be applied to one or two semesters during an academic year. A GRS stipend award in varying amounts is meant to contribute to a student's living expenses and requires 10-15 hours of service to the African Studies Center each week of the award.

For incoming students, documents that are required at both the African Studies Center and the Graduate School may be submitted as photocopies to the African Studies Center.

DEADLINE: Submit the requirements listed in the checklist below by February 15 for the following academic year to Joanne Hart, Room 514, 232 Bay State Road.

The following items must be in your file to be considered. *Incomplete files will automatically disqualify you from consideration.*

Checklist

Incoming students and new applicants:

You may ask the department to which you have applied to forward your letters of reference, transcripts, and test scores to the African Studies Center.

- ☐ African Studies Center financial aid application
- ☐ A 250-word statement of purpose. This statement should describe your specific academic interests and your career goals and plans and if applying for FLAS, describe your specific interests in studying an African language.
- ☐ African language questionnaire (if applying for a FLAS)
- ☐ Two letters of reference
- ☐ Transcripts from all colleges or universities previously attended
- ☐ TOEFL scores (if TOEFL is required for admission to your program)
- ☐ GRE, GMAT, LSAT or MCAT scores

Previous applicants:

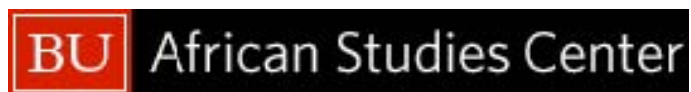
- ☐ African Studies Center financial aid application
- ☐ Most recent transcript
- ☐ African Language Questionnaire (if you are applying for a FLAS)
- ☐ If goals have changed since previous application, provide an updated statement
- ☐ Progress report written by your advisor noting updated status of your coursework /qualifying exams/research proposal

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.

Questions

Contact Joanne Hart at the African Studies Center, 232 Bay State Road, Boston, MA 02215, johart@bu.edu, 617.353.7311.



**Graduate
Financial Aid Application Form**

- ☐ Continuing Student
☐ Incoming Student

Mr./Ms. _____

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____

Street Address _____

Town/City _____ State _____ Zip code _____ Country _____

Until what date can mail be sent to this address? _____ Telephone _____

Permanent Address _____

BU ID Number _____ Emails (BU and other) _____

Degree Program - MA/MS MA/PhD PhD Department _____

FLAS Eligibility

US Citizenship? _____ Permanent Resident? _____

Place of Birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Names of those writing reference letters:

1. _____ 2. _____

African language to be studied (Circle one):

Amharic Arabic Hausa IsiXhosa IsiZulu Kiswahili Wolof Other, specify _____

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

First Year / Second Year / Third Year / Fourth Year / Other

Financial Aid Requested (Check all that are requested)

- ☐ GRS CONTINUING STUDENT FEES Semester I _____ Semester II _____
☐ GRS TUITION (Circle one) Full Partial _____
(if partial, be specific as to how many credit hours you actually need.)
☐ GRS STIPEND
☐ FLAS

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS

Continuing Students

Date entered current program _____ Have you completed 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 _____

Graduate Grade Point Average (approximate) _____

Dissertation Topic _____ Expected date of completion _____

List past financial aid received from the African Studies Center and Boston University _____

Incoming Students

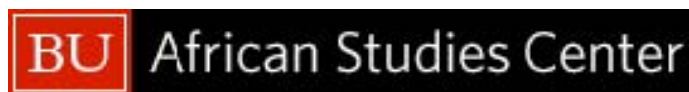
List every post-secondary academic institution you have attended. Include dates attended, degree conferred, and GPA.

Standardized Exams Scores

GRE [Verbal _____ Quantitative _____ Analytical _____]
TOEFL _____ GMAT _____ MCAT _____ LSAT _____

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

Name of Applicant _____ Signature _____ Date _____



African Language Questionnaire

The African Studies Center gathers information regarding the African language needs and skills of its students applying for financial aid to improve our ability to plan for and react to those needs. In some cases, the African Studies Center may be able to utilize the skills of students to help others wishing to learn less commonly taught languages.

Language Needs

What African language would you like to study at Boston University?

First choice _____ Second choice (if any) _____

Do you have any background in African language(s)? _____ If so, describe the current level of your competency for each language? _____

Language Skills

The African Studies Center at Boston University offers a regular program of instruction in Hausa, isiXhosa, isiZulu, Wolof, Swahili, Arabic, and Amharic. In addition, the program occasionally offers other languages when research needs and/or funding opportunities permit.

What is your first language? _____ What languages do you speak fluently? _____

Which other African or non-African languages do you speak? _____

Have you ever taught a language before? If yes, which language(s) and to whom? _____

If your first language is Hausa, Wolof, IsiZulu, IsiXhosa, Amharic, Arabic or Kiswahili, would you be interested in applying for a paid position as a teaching assistant? _____ If you are fluent in another African language would you be interested in being paid as a language tutor or teacher? _____

Students and potential instructors who are interested in learning more about the African Language Program at Boston University are invited to direct inquiries to:

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