



FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES (FLAS) FELLOWSHIP

Summer 2008

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Center for Middle Eastern Studies

About the Summer FLAS Fellowship

The purpose of the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) program is to ensure continued national competence in foreign languages and area and international studies expertise. The University of Arizona (UA) Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES) uses U.S. Department of Education (DoE) Title VI funds to award Academic Year and Summer FLAS fellowships in Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, and Turkish to graduate students pursuing Middle Eastern language and area studies. Students in any program are eligible, provided that they combine modern foreign language training with international or area studies or with the international aspects of professional or other fields of study. Students may apply for both Academic Year and Summer Fellowships, but must submit two separate application packages. FLAS awardees are selected by the CMES Governing Board.

Summer FLAS awards cover tuition and registration fees (up to \$4,000), plus a \$2,500 living stipend. In accordance with DoE rules, costs for pre-award and post-award language testing may be deducted from the stipend. If a summer program's tuition/registration fees exceed \$4,000, the additional cost must come from an institutional source; students are *not* permitted to contribute to their own tuition costs. FLAS awards do not cover additional fees such as health insurance, student recreation fees, etc. A travel stipend may be provided (up to \$1,000) depending upon availability of funds. Students wishing to use an award for *beginning* language study abroad can only do so if that course is not offered at an intensive US summer program.

Application and all supporting documentation must be received by 4pm on Monday, February 4, 2008

Summer FLAS Requirements for Intensive Language Study Programs

- Students must be at an intermediate or advanced level of language proficiency or, if at a beginning level of proficiency, must demonstrate that there is no course available in the US in Summer 2008.
- Applicants must include information on the summer program in their application materials, being sure to include information on the tuition costs of the program and the course(s) they intend to take. See "Instructions" (6a) for more details regarding what to include. They must also submit a copy of their application to the summer program.
- The summer FLAS award should provide the equivalent of a full academic year's worth of language instruction (whether in the US or overseas). To qualify as "intensive," language programs must provide **120-180** contact hours of language instruction, depending on the level and language of study. Students at the **beginning and intermediate** levels are expected to attend programs offering a **minimum of 140** contact hours, while **advanced** students may attend programs with fewer hours (but not less than **120**). The program should be a **minimum of 6 weeks** in length.
- Minimum contact hours must be for instruction in a **SINGLE** language or dialect. Programs of study that combine MSA and dialect in the contact hour minimum do not usually qualify; if a student wishes to take both MSA and dialect, at least one of these - the one for which the FLAS is awarded - must meet the minimum number of contact hours.
- For travel to a program, FLAS fellows must adhere to the **Fly America Act**, which limits travel to US flag carrier airlines.
- Awards are made contingent upon DoE approval of each applicant's language program and travel.

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You are eligible to apply for a FLAS Fellowship if you:

- are a full-time UA student enrolled in or accepted for a UA graduate program combining modern foreign language training with international or area studies or with the international aspects of professional or other fields of study;
- are a US citizen, national, or permanent resident;
- have previously completed at least one year of study in a Middle Eastern language for which you received grades of “B” or higher; or have successfully completed at least two years of study in another language, receiving grades of “B” or higher;
- are committed to the study of the Middle East and show potential for high academic achievement; and
- sign the DoE Certification of Eligibility attached to the application.

If you receive a FLAS Summer Fellowship you must:

- complete the intensive Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, or Turkish language course (equivalent to one year) at the program for which the FLAS was awarded;
- maintain a “B” average in the language of study during the award period and provide evidence of your grades to the FLAS Coordinator upon completion of your summer program;
- fulfill FLAS and CMES reporting requirements at the end of the award period;
- not accept a Teaching Assistantship or any other form of duplicate federal funding during the period of the award;
- not accept a Research Assistantship without first consulting the CMES FLAS Coordinator.

US Department of Education Funding Priorities

The DoE is particularly interested in applicants who are “pursuing advanced level language proficiency” and “master’s degree students who are more likely to pursue government service or enter a professional field”.

Lowest priority in the FLAS selection process should apply toward “students who are applying for dissertation research or writing as opposed to students applying for language acquisition Only students who are at the advanced level of language proficiency can be approved to use a FLAS for *dissertation research*. The use of language in dissertation research must be extensive enough to consider the foreign language improvement facilitated by the research equal to the improvement that would be obtained from a full academic year’s worth of formal classroom instruction”.

Native speakers of Middle Eastern language are discouraged from applying for FLAS Fellowships unless (1) one proposes studying a Middle Eastern language other than their native language, or (2) a strong case is made for needing to address gaps in the formal knowledge of one’s native language.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE for ALL materials:
4pm on Monday, February 4, 2008**

Award notifications will be made in late March 2008

Questions?

See the online FAQ (www.cmes.arizona.edu/students/grad.php), or contact:
Christian Sinclair, CMES Assistant Director/FLAS Coordinator, at csincmes@email.arizona.edu or (520) 621-8079



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Summer 2008/ Application Instructions
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA. **Center for Middle Eastern Studies**

1. **Complete the FLAS application (3 pages).** Please type your information.
2. **Prepare a statement of purpose.** Write a statement discussing how a Summer FLAS Fellowship would further your research, professional, and career goals; also explain your choice of summer program. The statement should be 1-2 pages in length, double spaced (about 500 words).
3. **Request two letters of recommendation.** Use the forms enclosed. Applicant should fill out the top part of the form and sign the waiver statement. The rest of the form should be completed and signed by the individual writing the letter of recommendation. Generally speaking, letters should be from faculty who have knowledge of your academic abilities, especially in terms of Middle Eastern studies/languages.
4. **Obtain official transcripts and GRE scores.** New students with less than two semesters of graduate work at UA should provide both graduate and undergraduate transcripts. UA students with at least two semesters of graduate work should provide transcripts of graduate work only. You must include one official transcript in the original application; the 5 copies can include unofficial transcripts or copies of an official transcript. All applicants should provide copies of their GRE scores (unofficial copy is allowed).
5. **Sign the DoE Certification of Eligibility attached to the application.**
6. **Attach:**
 - a) **information on the program** including: dates of the program, tuition and fees (with a breakdown of costs if a single program fee also includes room and board), courses in which you will enroll, number of contact hours in the target language, and contact information for the person with whom payment should be arranged. Printed web pages are acceptable. If any of these details are not available when you submit your FLAS application, please make a note of that fact. **AND**
 - b) **a copy of your application to the summer program.** If the program application is available by the FLAS application deadline, you must include a copy of your submitted application. If the program has not yet released its application materials, you may submit a copy to the FLAS coordinator after the FLAS deadline, but please include a note with your application noting this. If you are applying to more than one summer program, please include *all* applications with your FLAS materials.
7. **Submit the application packet to be received at the address below by 4pm on Monday, February 4, 2008.** You must include **one complete original and five (5) complete, collated, paper-clipped (not stapled) copies of all the application materials** (except letters of recommendation) in the following order:
 - FLAS application (3 pages)
 - Statement of purpose
 - Additional pages of application information, if any, e.g., language courses/employment that did not fit on the application pages, your *curriculum vitae*, etc.
 - Information on proposed summer language program(s)
 - A copy of your application(s) to the summer program for which you hope to use this FLAS award
 - Transcript(s)
 - GRE scores
 - DoE Certification of Eligibility

Drop off or mail to:

FLAS Coordinator, UA Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Marshall Building Room 470, 845 N. Park Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85721

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APPLICATION Summer 2008
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PERSONAL DATA

Name _____ Social Security No. _____ Student ID No. _____

Current Street Address _____ City, State _____ Zip Code _____

Permanent Street Address _____ City, State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail Address _____ Date and place of birth _____

Home Telephone _____ Work Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident? Yes No For tuition purposes, are you considered resident in AZ? Yes No

For which **language, level** (beginning, intermediate, advanced) and **year** (e.g. 3rd, 4th) are you requesting a FLAS award?

Language _____ Level _____ Year of study _____

At which language program(s) do you hope to use this FLAS award?

* Before completing this application, you must read the list of Frequently Asked Questions about the 2007-2008 FLAS awards, available at CMES and online at: <http://www.cmes.arizona.edu/students/grad.php>. **Have you read this FAQ?** Yes No

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Give planned completion dates and fields of specialization for B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. Please include your current degree program (please make it clear if you are a UA Ph.D. track student in the process of first completing your UA M.A.).

DEGREE	DATE OF COMPLETION	INSTITUTION	ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

FOR NEW STUDENTS: To which UA department are you applying? _____

PREVIOUS FLAS AWARDS: Please list any past FLAS awards, noting their time period(s) and language(s).

LANGUAGE TRAINING AND COMPETENCY

For **ALL LANGUAGES** in which you have some competency, estimate current level of proficiency on page 2 using this scale:

- 1 Able to read simple prose with difficulty, follow simple conversation, use language to get around, but not to exchange ideas.
- 2 Able to read non-technical materials and technical writing in one's field, to understand ordinary native speech, to carry on an exchange of ideas, though haltingly.
- 3 Fluency, accuracy and range adequate for all normal professional social situations.
- 4 Fluency, accuracy and range of an educated native user of the language.

REFERENCES

List the names and institutional affiliations of two people who have been asked to write directly to the FLAS Fellowship Committee in support of your application. **It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that referees send letters of recommendation to arrive at CMES by the February 4, 2008, deadline.**

Name	Position	Institution/Department
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

CAREER GOAL

Career goal (multiple selections okay):

<input type="checkbox"/> Elementary/Secondary Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Sector, Not-for-profit
<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Sector, Profit
<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Study	<input type="checkbox"/> State/local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education	<input type="checkbox"/> US Military
<input type="checkbox"/> International Organization, in the U.S.	If "Other", please specify: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> International Organization, outside the U.S.	_____

I hereby certify that all information I have provided in this application is true and accurate.

Applicant Name (TYPE or PRINT)

Applicant Signature

Date

Please submit one (1) original and **five (5) complete, collated, un-stapled copies** of this application (letters of recommendation can arrive separately) and all supporting materials to be received by **February 4, 2008, at 4pm**. Mail to:

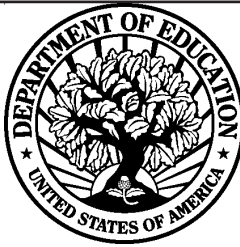
FLAS Coordinator
UA Center for Middle Eastern Studies
Marshall Building Room 470
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<input type="checkbox"/> Application	Application RECEIVED: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Statement of purpose	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Letter of recommendation, Received: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Transcripts	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Letter of recommendation, Received: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GRE scores	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of summer program application

NOTES:



Certification of Eligibility for Federal Assistance in Certain Programs

I understand that 34 CFR 75.60, 75.61, and 75.62 require that I make specific certifications of eligibility to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) as a condition of applying for Federal funds in certain programs and that these requirements are in addition to any other eligibility requirements that ED imposes under program regulations. Under 34 CFR 75.60 – 75.62:

I. I certify that:

A. I do not owe a debt, or I am current in repaying a debt, or I am not in default (as that term is used at 34 CFR Part 668) on a debt:

1. To the Federal Government under a nonprocurement transaction (e.g., a previous loan, scholarship, grant, or cooperative agreement);
or
2. For a fellowship, scholarship, stipend, discretionary grant, or loan in any program of ED that is subject to 34 CFR 75.60, 75.61, and 75.62, including:
 - Federal Pell Grant Program (20 U.S.C. 1070a, et seq.);
 - Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) Program (20 U.S.C. 1070(b), et seq.);
 - State Student Incentive Grant Program (SSIG) 20 U.S.C. 1070c, et seq.);
 - Federal Perkins Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1087aa, et seq.);
 - Income Contingent Direct Loan Demonstration Project (20 U.S.C. 1087a, note);
 - Federal Stafford Loan Program, Federal Supplemental Loans for Students [SLS], Federal PLUS, or Federal Consolidation Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1071, et seq.);
 - William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1087a, et. seq.);
 - Cuban Student Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 2601, et seq.);
 - Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program (20 U.S.C. 1070d-31, et seq.);
 - Jacob K. Javits Fellows Program (20 U.S.C. 1134h-1134i);
 - Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowship Program (20 U.S.C. 1134d-1134g);
 - Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Program (20 U.S.C. 1105-1105i);
 - Bilingual Education Fellowship Program (20 U.S.C. 3221-3262);
 - Rehabilitation Long-Term Training Program (29 U.S.C. 774(b));
 - Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program (20 U.S.C. 1104, et seq.);
 - Law Enforcement Education Program (42 U.S.C. 3775);
 - Indian Fellowship Program (29 U.S.C. 774(b));
 - Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program (20 U.S.C. 1021, et seq.);

OR

B. I have made arrangements satisfactory to ED to repay a debt as described in A.1. or A.2. (above) on which I had not been current in repaying or on which I was in default (as that term is used in 34 CFR Part 668).

II. I certify also that I have not been declared by a judge, as a condition of sentencing under section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (21 U.S.C. 862), ineligible to receive Federal assistance for the period of this requested funding.

I understand that providing a false certification to any of the statements above makes me liable for repayment to ED for funds received on the basis of this certification, for civil penalties, and for criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Typed or Printed Name)

Name or number of ED program under which this certification is being made: _____



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Letter of Recommendation

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I, _____ (PRINT/TYPE applicant's full name) have applied for the FLAS Fellowship offered by the University of Arizona Center for Middle Eastern Studies for Summer 2008.

YES, I waive access to this recommendation letter. NO, I do not waive access to this recommendation letter.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REFEREE: Please give your frank assessment of the student's academic abilities, especially as they relate to the pursuit of Middle Eastern studies. Please indicate how well, how long, and in what context you have known the applicant. If the award is to be used for study abroad, address the applicant's psychological preparedness, flexibility and maturity for such study. If possible, explain why the program to which they are applying is apt for their goals. If you prefer, you may submit a letter of recommendation on your departmental letterhead. You may give the applicant your letter in a sealed envelope, or send the letter to: FLAS Coordinator, UA Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Marshall Building Room 470, 845 N. Park Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85721. The deadline for receipt of letters of recommendation is **February 4, 2008, by 4pm.**

REQUIRED REFEREE INFORMATION:

Full Name: _____ Position: _____

Department: _____ Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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