

*International and Area Studies Fellowships
For Current and Incoming University of Washington Students
Awarded through the Jackson School of International Studies*

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES, 2010-11

Note for Web Applicants: The downloadable version of the application form is a fillable form; *Acrobat Reader* is required. Best results will be obtained with *version 6.0* or higher.

Note that you must **print** the form and **sign** it on page 3 before mailing with the required supporting documents. Applications may not be transmitted by e-mail.

A. PROCEDURES

Applicants for fellowships awarded through the Jackson School must submit a complete application in one packet to the Office of Student Services, postmarked by January 15, 2010. (Applications will be accepted in-person until 5 p.m. on January 15 in Room 111, Thomson Hall.) *Mail to the address on Page 1 of the application form.*

A complete application packet consists of:

1. **Application form**
2. **Applicant's statement** (*instructions can be found on the last page of the application form*)
3. **Three recommendations** (*follow instructions on reference forms and envelopes provided*)
Two general recommendations and one language recommendation are required. Referees must return them to you in sealed envelopes for you to submit in your packet.
4. **Transcripts**
These must be obtained by you from all colleges and universities you have attended, including the University of Washington. Unofficial copies are acceptable. Include all transcripts in your packet..
5. **GRE scores**
May be submitted (a) on your unofficial UW transcript or (b) by photocopy of the score report sent to you by ETS or (c) self-reported (both scores and percentiles) on a separate sheet of paper if (a) or (b) does not apply. All self-reported scores are subject to verification in the University's admissions system.

Students enrolled in or applying to professional programs may substitute LSAT or GMAT scores. Ph.D. students who were not required to submit GRE scores to UW are exempt from this requirement. (If exempt, note this on your application form; otherwise it will be considered incomplete.)

NOTE: If you applied for a JSIS fellowship last year and did not keep copies of your GRE scores or transcripts from colleges other than UW, you may borrow those items from your 2009 application file in the JSIS Student Services Office (111 Thomson Hall) in order to make photocopies. Any documents issued to you must be returned promptly. **Letters of recommendation cannot be copied and cannot be transferred from an earlier application to a 2010-11 application.**



**Because of the large number of applications, we are unable to make
special exceptions to the application procedures.**



Please note: Due to time constraints and legal considerations, we cannot make copies for your fellowship file of any materials from any other application or file. *Specifically*, we cannot copy your UW transcript, letters of recommendation, GRE scores, or transcripts sent for your admission application, even if you are a current applicant or student in the Jackson School. If you ask the same referees to write letters for both your fellowship and admission applications, they must submit a letter for each application.

B. GUIDELINES

I. FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS (FLAS):

We anticipate that fellowships for modern foreign language and area studies will be available under Title VI of the Higher Education Act through most or all of the following National Resource Centers:

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| 1. Canada Center | 4. Middle East Center | 6. South Asia Center |
| 2. East Asia Center | 5. Russia, East Europe & | 7. Southeast Asia Center |
| 3. Center for Global Studies | Central Asia (Ellison) Center | 8. West Europe Center |

Applying to more than one Center is sometimes a sound strategy, assuming that the target language is funded in more than one Center *and* all conditions for eligibility are met (see below). Note, however, that because each awarding unit has its own Fellowship Committee, you must submit a complete and separate application packet for each Center to which you are applying.

Purpose of FLAS Awards

FLAS fellowships are awarded for (1) a formal domestic or overseas academic program of full-time study during the academic year; (2) a formal program of intensive language study during the summer. Dissertation research is rarely funded for the academic year and never for the summer.

General Eligibility Requirements

1. **Citizenship Status** - A student must be either a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident.
2. **Student Status** – While holding the fellowship a student must be:
 - a. enrolled in graduate study that combines modern foreign language training with either area or international studies, or with the international aspects of professional or other fields of study; *and*
 - b. registered full-time each academic term (at UW, at least 10 credits in autumn, winter, and spring).
3. **Course and Language Requirements**
 - a. Academic-year FLAS fellows must be enrolled in both language course work *and* area or international studies unless they are engaged in dissertation research.
 - b. Academic-year FLAS fellows conducting dissertation research must be at the advanced level of language proficiency. The use of language in the research must be extensive enough to be able to consider the language improvement facilitated by the research equal to the improvement that would be obtained from a full academic year of formal classroom instruction. Prior approval from the Department of Education is required for all dissertation research awards.
4. **Summer Language Study**

All summer FLAS recipients must attend an accredited course which provides the equivalent of *one academic year* of modern foreign language study in an eligible FLAS language.
5. **Competition**

An applicant must show potential for high academic achievement based on such indices as grade point average, class ranking, or similar measures that the Center may determine.
6. **Other Funding**

In order to support as many students as possible, UW graduate programs may require FLAS fellows to choose between their FLAS fellowship and other fellowships or assistantships that are offered.

Area Studies Eligibility Requirement

A FLAS applicant's academic focus must be the same as the Center applied to. For example, a student applying for a FLAS fellowship in Spanish through the Center for West European Studies must be studying Europe, not Latin America.

Center for Global Studies (International Studies): Eligibility Requirements

The Center for Global Studies considers only applicants whose studies have a transnational/comparative focus. Your work must involve (1) a comparative study of states, processes, or phenomena not in the same region, *or* (2) transactions, relations or phenomena that transcend single regions, *or* (3) a primarily theoretical perspective on international or comparative processes in which one or more countries are used as examples. If you apply to this Center, explain clearly in your statement how your program fits at least one of these criteria.

Overseas Fellowships

An academic year FLAS fellowship may be awarded for use outside the U.S. if the student will be either:

1. enrolled in an overseas foreign language and area studies program for study at an intermediate or advanced language level, or at a beginning level if appropriate beginning-level instruction is not available in the United States; *or*
2. engaged in dissertation research that cannot be done effectively in the U.S., while affiliated with an institution of higher education or other appropriate organization in the host country.

A summer FLAS may be awarded to a graduate student who will be enrolled in a course that provides the equivalent of one academic year of advanced modern foreign language study.

Prior approval of the U.S. Department of Education is required for all FLAS awards to be used abroad. This approval is requested through the University's FLAS fellowship coordinator after an award has been made.

Priorities

Based upon instructions from the Department of Education, the Fellowship Review Committees assign competitive preference to applications based upon the following principles:

1. Fellowships will be awarded to students in a variety of humanities and social science disciplines, as well as in professional fields.
2. *Preference* is given to students who will study less-commonly taught languages at all levels and for intermediate- or advanced-level study of Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish.
3. *Lower ranking* is assigned to two categories of students:
 - a. those who already possess language fluency equivalent to educated native speakers in the language for which the award is sought;
 - b. those who propose first-year instruction in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian, or Spanish.
4. *Lowest ranking* is assigned to those who request an award to support dissertation research.

Financial Provisions

Academic Year: Tuition (max. 18 credits) and a portion of fees up to \$12,000, plus \$15,000 stipend

Summer: Tuition (max. 18 credits) and a portion of fees up to \$4,000, plus \$2,500 living allowance; travel award up to \$1,000 possible

II. OTHER FELLOWSHIPS:

Other fellowships are associated with this application and are grouped with the geographical regions supported by FLAS fellowships. These awards are granted by committees supporting study of (1) East Asia, (2) Russia, East Europe and Central Asia, and (3) South Asia. Eligibility and financial provisions may differ from FLAS fellowships, and additional application elements may be required. Basic provisions are summarized below.

EAST ASIA: China**Gordon C. Culp and China Recruitment Fellowships:**

Eligibility: Students entering a graduate program who have been nominated by a department; students cannot apply for this award. *2009-10 Fellows will be contacted in late 2009 with renewal instructions.*

Awards: Tuition and a stipend of approximately \$15,000. May be renewable.

EAST ASIA: Japan**Japan Studies Fellowships:**

Eligibility: Students in Japan Studies or other programs in which Japan is the major area of interest. Recipients are required to take courses in Japanese language and other courses on Japan. Applicants for FLAS awards in Japanese language are considered automatically. If you are *not* eligible for FLAS and wish to be considered for Japan Studies fellowships, check the appropriate box.

Awards: Tuition and/or stipends of varying amounts.

EAST ASIA: Korea**Sochon Fellowship:**

Eligibility: Full-time graduate students in Korea Studies Program. Awarded on the basis of academic merit and demonstrated financial need as determined by the UW Office of Student Financial Aid.

Awards: Partial tuition, varying amounts.

Korean Exchange Grant:

Eligibility: Graduate students who wish to study at a Korean university, either in summer or academic year. Preference to students in Korea Studies Program and Korean Language and Literature.

Awards: \$5,000.

RUSSIA, EAST EUROPE, CENTRAL ASIA**Titus Ellison Fellowship:**

Eligibility: *Incoming* graduate students in Russian Studies, including international students. Applicants for REECAS FLAS fellowships *and* applicants to appropriate UW departments are considered for this fellowship automatically; no special action required by candidate.

Awards: Tuition and stipend in the range of \$12,000-\$14,000. Renewable.

Renewal: 2009-10 Ellison Fellows will be contacted in late Fall 2009 with special application instructions.

Gordon C. Culp Fellowship:

Eligibility: Outstanding graduate students in Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies. Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Applicants for REECAS FLAS fellowships (both current and prospective students) are considered automatically. In addition, *prospective* students will be nominated by appropriate UW departments; no special action required by candidate.

Awards: Tuition and stipend of \$15,000. Renewable.

Renewal: 2009-10 Culp Fellows will be contacted in late Fall 2009 with special application instructions.

SOUTH ASIA**Frank F. Conlon Fellowship:**

Eligibility: Graduate students in any discipline, including international students, who are engaged in the study of South Asia. Awarded on the basis of academic merit and demonstrated financial need as determined by the UW Office of Student Financial Aid. Applicants for South Asia FLAS fellowships (both current and prospective students) are considered automatically.

Awards: Partial tuition, varying amounts.

NOTE: the application form and this flier contain the most current information available at the date of publication. Applicants should be aware that changes in federal funding, language eligibility, or availability of languages at the University of Washington may occur in the future and affect their accuracy.

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