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## Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS)

### Fellowships in International Studies

2012-13 Competition for Undergraduate and Graduate Students

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#### **(FLAS) Fellowships**

**Summer:** \$2,500 living stipend and \$5,000 for tuition and fees.

**Academic Year:**

- Undergraduates: \$5,000 living stipend, \$10,000 toward tuition and mandatory fees
  - Graduate students: \$15,000 living stipend, \$18,000 toward tuition and mandatory fees
- (Note: Fellows are responsible for any tuition and fee charges exceeding the allowances.)*

**Deadline:** February 17, 2012 at 4:30 pm

*(Note: This is the deadline for departments to submit nominations to Global Studies)*

#### **Nominations:**

ALL ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS are invited to nominate up to three:

- undergraduate students for summer
- undergraduate students for academic year FLAS Fellowships;
- graduate students for summer, and
- graduate students for academic year FLAS Fellowships.

**Purpose:** To promote the study of modern foreign languages and in particular less-commonly-taught languages to support International studies within undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies.

#### **Eligibility:**

- New and returning students are eligible for awards. FLAS fellowship nominees must be degree-seeking students in good academic standing enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.
- Undergraduate students are eligible for FLAS fellowships to study intermediate (2nd-year) or advanced (3rd-year and beyond) levels of a less-commonly-taught language (LCTL.) Undergraduate students are NOT eligible for FLAS funding for 1st-year LCTL instruction or for more-commonly-taught language instruction (i.e. French, German and Spanish).
- Graduate students in all programs are eligible, although fellowships will not be awarded to graduate students who major in French, German, or Spanish to study the language of their major. They are eligible to study another language.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Foreign students are NOT eligible.

### **Selection Criteria:**

Candidates are ranked on the basis of the following established priorities:

- Evidence that language training is needed to further the applicant's study of international issues and problems;
- The extent to which the applicant's current or planned academic program is focused on International issues and problems;
- The applicant's academic performance to date;
- The persuasiveness of the applicant's letters of recommendations;
- Proposed language study at the advanced level of a LCTL and national need languages receive competitive priority;
- Graduate student applicants who are pursuing master's degrees and who may be more likely to pursue government service receive a competitive priority.

**Notification:** It is anticipated that award notifications will be sent out in mid-March 2012.

### **Terms:**

- Recipients are required to submit pre- and post-award evaluations to the US Department of Education.
- Fellows will be required to participate in pre- and post-award language proficiency assessments by their language instructor.
- Academic-year fellows must enroll in both their approved language and an area studies course each semester.
- Language and area studies courses must be taken for a grade (A-F) and fellows must be full-time students.

### **Languages:**

The International competition has approval in the following languages Arabic, Chinese, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Hmong, Italian, Irish, Japanese, Korean, Modern Greek, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish, Turkish, and Urdu.

- LCTL: For FLAS purposes, a LCTL is any language other than French, German or Spanish.

Please be advised that proposals to study Spanish, French, or German are never funded.

### **Procedure:**

Departments may nominate up to three undergraduate and up to three graduate students per competition (summer and academic year). Undergraduate students who have not selected a major may be nominated by a LCTL instructor or a collegiate advisor. The nomination package must include:

- a completed and signed *Departmental Nomination Form* and a letter of nomination submitted by the nominating department;
- a completed *Nominee Application Form*

- a statement of interest (1 -2 pages) explaining how a FLAS Fellowship would contribute to the student's course of study and research program and support/advance international studies;
- a letter of recommendation from the student's advisor or a faculty member who has worked closely with the student;
- transcripts (unofficial is fine);
- a letter from the LCTL instructor should be included stipulating the nominee has sufficient proficiency to continue or enter the language program at the intermediate or advanced level.

**Note:** Students currently receiving fellowships can be nominated for future FLAS fellowships. Any student can be nominated for both an academic year and a summer fellowship.

No later than February 17, 2012 all application materials must be sent from the nominating department to:

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