HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Center for African Studies (CAS)

Summer 2016 FLAS Fellowships Guidelines

The Howard University Center for African Studies is offering Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships for summer 2016 intensive African language study both for undergraduate and graduate students at Howard University. Fellowships are provided by a grant under Title VI of the Higher Education Act from the U.S. Department of Education. The summer fellowships provide $5,000 tuition and $2,500 for living expenses for both graduate and undergraduate students.

FLAS Fellowships support Howard University students taking an approved less-commonly taught African language, such as Amharic, Arabic, Swahili, Wolof, Yoruba or Zulu. The fellowship may be used only to undertake an intensive for-credit US/ED approved African language study in the United States or abroad. Only US citizens, nationals and permanent residents are eligible.

**Applicant Eligibility**

- US citizens, nationals, or permanent residents who are full-time Howard University students;
- Applicants must also provide specific information on the program they wish to attend, i.e. fees, contact hours, instructor qualifications, etc.
- May not be receiving concurrent federal support from other sources, except student loans and work/study;
- In order to be eligible for FLAS fellowship, students who apply must be willing to comply with the U.S. Department of Education requirements including to be part of a FLAS fellows group surveyed every other year for a period of eight years regarding their career tracks. FLAS fellows are required to inform Howard University CAS immediately whenever changes occur in their e-mail addresses.

*If it becomes necessary to resign or withdraw during the year for legitimate and acceptable reason, the award will be prorated on a monthly basis. A FLAS fellow will be asked to repay all expenses met by FLAS fellowship if the withdrawal or resignation from the program is deemed unacceptable.*

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS**

Applicants will be favored who

- have clear promise of completing their academic program with concentration in African language and area studies,
- plan to utilize their training for research in Africa,
• have excellent academic records as evidenced by GPA, letters of recommendations and
demonstrate a financial need.

**Program Eligibility**

• A summer fellowship is awarded only for intensive language study
• A summer fellowship may be used at a domestic program, an overseas program or both
• A summer session qualifies (domestic or overseas) as intensive language program if-
  o It is at least six weeks in duration and offers at least 120 contact hours of
    instruction for students at the advance level
  o It is at least six weeks in duration and offers at least 140 contact hours for students
    at the beginning or intermediate level of the language
• Field trips and excursions cannot be used to fulfill the contact hour requirements
• Students should receive grades and credits for the language courses. This requirement is
  consistent with the institutions being awarded an allocation of fellowships based on its
  performance-based instructional program.

**Application Requirements**

1. **FLAS Fellowship application**;
2. **Current resume/CV – 2 pages maximum**
3. **Two letters of recommendation** (one from a language instructor and one from an area
   studies instructor) emailed directly to Wheeler.r.winstead@howard.edu;
4. **Progress report** written by your advisor noting updated status of your coursework
   /qualifying exams/research proposal
5. **Current transcript**; and
6. **A statement of purpose (1 page)**. Include a statement about your interest in Africa
   and/or African languages; how the FLAS award will influence and contribute to the
   work in your concentration, your research, and/or your future professional study/career
   aspirations; and specifically how you intend to use your knowledge of the language
   proposed for study. Submit your application to Wheeler.r.winstead@howard.edu

**DEADLINE:** February 26, 2016

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