

FOREIGN LANGUAGE & AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS

FLAS FELLOWSHIPS FOR THE STUDY OF AFRICAN LANGUAGES

Applications are invited for Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships for graduate study, funded by the U.S. Department of Education for the academic year 2010-11. Contingent upon continued funding by the U.S. Department of Education, FLAS fellowships will be awarded for study of the **Akan, Arabic, Gikuyu, Somali, Sudanese Arabic, Swahili, Tigrinya, Wolof and Zulu** languages and African area studies during the nine-month academic year at Ohio University.

Each fellowship carries a stipend of \$15,000, plus a tuition scholarship and general fee waiver. Students of **any** graduate program (with the exception of OU-College of Osteopathic Medicine) at Ohio University are eligible to apply. Fellows must have applied to or be enrolled in a graduate program and be eligible to receive a tuition scholarship from Ohio University (you may apply before admission has been granted but any award made will be contingent on acceptance to your graduate program).

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a US citizen or permanent resident
- Be admitted to, or currently enrolled in, a graduate program at Ohio University
- Be eligible for an Ohio University tuition scholarship
- Show aptitude for graduate study and high academic achievement

Applicants should submit an application form, statement of purpose, academic transcripts and three letters of recommendation. All application materials are due to the African Studies Program by February 1, 2010. The FLAS coordinator does not have access to transcripts, letters of recommendation or other application material that has been submitted to a graduate program. Applicants must ensure that all materials are submitted **separately** to FLAS and to the program of choice (this includes applicants to African, International Development or Communication & Development Studies).

If you are at the dissertation stage of your program, prior approval must be received by the US Department of Education before an award can be made. The African Studies Program will pursue this approval based on the application submitted to the Center. Dissertators must be at the advanced level of language proficiency and must include the following in their application: 1-2 page research description signed by the advisor. The description should include topic, research methods, host country affiliation (if research is overseas), dates, and explanation of how language will be used.

All awardees will be required to submit a pre-award self evaluation of language proficiency as well as a post-award report on the fellowship and language aptitude. If awardees do not complete the evaluation a hold will be put on their account.