Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships
for Summer 2014 study of Arabic, Hebrew, Persian & Turkish

FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Portland State University (PSU) Middle East Studies Center, in cooperation with the World Languages & Literatures Department, is seeking applications for fellowships for Summer 2014 under the U.S. Department of Education’s Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship program. Awards will be made for Arabic, Hebrew, Persian and Turkish intensive language study.

TYPES OF FELLOWSHIPS & AMOUNTS

FLAS fellowships will provide a portion of institutional tuition and fees, as well as a stipend, according to guidelines as announced in the Federal Register.
• UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE SUMMER AWARD – $5,000 tuition, $2,500 stipend

ELIGIBILITY

• FLAS fellowships are available to students in any department who are pursuing a course of academic study which requires advanced foreign language and area studies training and who plan to use the training and language skills for graduate study or a career in an international field.
• Only U.S. citizens, nationals or permanent residents are eligible for FLAS Fellowships.
• Applicants must be enrolled full-time or accepted for full-time enrollment as degree-seeking PSU undergraduate or graduate students.
• Undergraduates must be at the intermediate level of proficiency or higher as determined by a language instructor in Arabic, Hebrew, Persian or Turkish. Native speakers are not eligible for this fellowship.
• Priority overseas language study is given to students who intend to undertake advanced language study, but who have not yet achieved native language competence. Graduate students at the beginning level will be considered for overseas language study only if an appropriate equivalent beginning language instruction program is not available in the U.S.
• Priority is given to students who have strong academic records in their major and their language area of study, when applicable.
• Summer language study must be the equivalent of one academic year of modern foreign language study. Summer courses must be for a minimum duration of 6 weeks and include at least 140 contact hours of classroom instruction for beginner and intermediate levels, or 120 contact hours for advanced level instruction, to be eligible, subject to approval.
• Students of Arabic enrolled in overseas programs should be aware of post study abroad requirements available online.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, January 31, 2014, 5 p.m.

For more information see http://www.pdx.edu/middle-east-studies/flas or contact Middle East Studies Center FLAS coordinator, Tam Rankin, tam.rankin@pdx.edu or (503)725-5811
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FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURES

APPLICATION PACKET must include:

1. Completed Application Form. See attached or download form from Middle East Studies Center website: see http://www.pdx.edu/middle-east-studies/flas

2. Official, up-to-date transcript. First year graduate students should also include undergraduate transcripts.

3. Any relevant graduate examination scores, e.g. GRE, GMAT, LSAT (Graduate students only).

4. One page single-spaced Statement of Intent. Applicants should describe how the FLAS Fellowship will contribute to their academic preparation and the relationship of Middle East language study to future study and career goals.

5. Two Letters of Recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant’s work, preferably including one that specifically addresses language proficiency and one that addresses work in the student’s major area.

The applicant is responsible for alerting recommenders of the application deadline and ensuring timely delivery of recommendation letters. Letters may be delivered to the Middle East Studies Center or given to the applicant in a sealed and signed envelope to be submitted with other application materials.

Applicants for both summer and academic year fellowships may use the same letters of recommendation for both applications.

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Application packets must be received by the deadline. No consideration will be given to incomplete, late, or improperly filled out applications. E-mailed or faxed applications will not be accepted.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION PACKET

Deliver to: Or mail to:
Middle East Studies Center Middle East Studies Center – MESC
East Hall, room 318, 632 SW Hall St Portland State University
9 a.m.-5 p.m. PO Box 751
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