

2008-2009

CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

FLAS ACADEMIC YEAR FELLOWSHIP

DESCRIPTION

The Center for Latin American Studies announces the competition for the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) Foreign Language and Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship Program (FLAS) to support training in Brazilian Portuguese and Haitian Creole. The fellowship covers tuition and fees for 12 graduate credits per semester (Fall and Spring only) plus a stipend of \$15,000. Fellowships are awarded on a one-year basis.

To meet FLAS eligibility, students must be enrolled full-time with one language course and one area studies course per semester. (Some exceptions about area studies courses are allowed for professional school students.)

Priority will be given to students pursuing a Master's degree and/or a Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies; students seeking advanced language proficiency; and to those planning a career in U.S. government service or a professional field.

The Center's Financial Aid Committee reviews applications. The students will be notified on the outcome of their application by March 15.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following materials are required:

- A completed **application form**.
- A **two page essay** explaining the relevance of Portuguese or Haitian Creole language study and Latin American area expertise to the applicant's graduate training and career plans.
- **Two letters of recommendation** (one must be from the student's advisor, unless the applicant is a new UF student).
- An updated **University of Florida academic transcript**. For new UF students, photocopies of transcripts from previous colleges are accepted.

DEADLINE:
February 2, 2009

INFORMATION & SUBMISSION

Submit complete application packets to:

Academic Year FLAS Fellowship
Center for Latin American Studies
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University of Florida
Gainesville, FL 32611-5530

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Application forms available at: the front desk of the Center (319 Grinter Hall) and at <http://www.latam.ufl.edu/funding/>