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### REEI Funding Notice

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**Academic Year Funding**

**REEI Fellowships and Grants**

A representative faculty committee, chosen by the REEI Director, will judge all applications and make awards. Announcement of awards will be made as soon as possible after application deadlines. Additional information on funding opportunities is available on-line at: [http://www.iub.edu/~reeiweb/funding/index.shtml](http://www.iub.edu/~reeiweb/funding/index.shtml).

**Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships**

Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships are awarded to universities in order to promote the graduate training of students who intend to make their careers in college or university teaching, government service, or other employment where knowledge of foreign languages and cultures is a prerequisite for success.

Each fellowship covers the academic year (summer FLAS fellowships are also available, see page 8). Both graduate and undergraduate students may apply. For graduate students, the FLAS fellowship carries an estimated fixed stipend of $15,000 per academic year, as well as a fee remission for 12 credits of course work each semester (a total of 24 credits). For undergraduate students, the FLAS fellowship provides a stipend of up to $5,000 per academic year as well as a tuition award of up to $10,000 (the exact figures may vary depending on other sources of financial aid that the awardee is receiving).

Only US citizens and permanent residents are eligible for FLAS fellowships. Holders of FLAS fellowships must undertake full-time study during the period of the award and be enrolled in formal instruction in the language of the award and related area studies courses.

REEI will accept applications from graduate students for study of the following languages in academic year 2016/2017: Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Czech, Estonian, (Modern) Greek, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, Russian (beyond second year), Ukrainian, and Yiddish. Undergraduate students may apply to REEI for a FLAS to support study of any of these languages beyond the second year of study only. If you wish to apply for a language or level of language not included in the regular IU schedule of classes, or if you wish to apply for FLAS support for dissertation research abroad, please discuss your application with Mark Trotter, Associate Director, prior to submission. The availability of FLAS Fellowships is dependent upon final authorization of funding from the US Department of Education.

Applications should include:

- One FLAS application
- One complete set of official transcripts of college and university credits (for IU transcripts, an unofficial transcript is sufficient)
- Three letters of recommendation, at least one of which should address the applicant’s abilities in foreign language study
- Statement on language training and proposed program of study.

FLAS applications are available online at [www.indiana.edu/~flas/](http://www.indiana.edu/~flas/) the deadline for receipt of all materials is **February 1, 2016**.
Frequently Asked Questions about FLAS Fellowships

Do I have to be enrolled in REEI to receive a FLAS?

No, REEI MA and dual degree students compete against students from other departments and professional schools for FLAS fellowships. All eligible applicants are given equal consideration.

I’m an undergraduate applicant, what do I put in the GRE score section?

Undergraduate applications may leave the GRE score section blank. Undergraduate students need to include a FLAS application; a complete set of official transcripts of all college and university credits; three letters of recommendation, at least one of which should address the applicant’s abilities in foreign language training; and a statement on language training and proposed program of study.

How will I know if my application has been received?

The REEI administrative secretary, Mary Belding, receives FLAS and other funding applications. You may e-mail Mary (mebeldin@indiana.edu) if you want to check on the status of a specific part of your application, but please understand that the processing of admissions and fellowship applications is very time consuming. We will respond to your request within three working days.

Will my supporting materials (recommendations, transcripts, and GRE scores, required of graduate students only) already on file in REEI from a previous Graduate School or funding application be available to be added to my current application?

Yes, but you must send an e-mail request to Mary specifying which materials should be taken from which of your previous application(s).

Can/should I use my supporting materials (recommendations, transcripts, etc.) and statement of purpose for more than one funding application? For instance, if I have submitted a complete academic year FLAS application to REEI, can those materials also be used for SWSEEL, the graduate assistantship application, or another center’s FLAS application?

Mary will make copies of supporting materials for multiple applications within our office or to send to other departments within IU. Please send her an e-mail request specifying what materials need to be copied and where they should be sent. It is not recommended, however, that you use the same statement of purpose or recommendation letters for multiple applications. The most competitive applications are those in which the statement and recommendation letters are geared toward the specific criteria of the award that you are applying for.

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Additional FLAS Awards

Two other departments on campus offer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships:

• African Studies
  http://www.indiana.edu/~afrist/
African Studies also offers fellowships for the study of Arabic, Akan/Twi, Bamana, Swahili, Wolof, Yoruba, and Zulu. Please contact the department in question for eligibility requirements.

• Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center
  http://www.iu.edu/~iaunrc/
IAUNRC also offers fellowships for the study of Azerbaijani, Dari, Estonian, Hungarian, Finnish, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Mongolian, Pashto, Persian, Tajik, Tatar, Tibetan, Turkish, Turkmen, Uyghur, and Uzbek. Please contact the department in question for eligibility requirements.

REEI Graduate Assistantship Positions

REEI offers funding for graduate assistants in the form of positions requiring a 20-hour per week employment commitment. In return, graduate assistants receive a stipend of at least $15,750 and a fee remission for up to 30 credit hours per year (12 credit hours per semester and 6 during the summer). These awards are contingent upon receipt of funds from the US Department of Education.

GAs are also automatically enrolled in the available health plan for Student Academic Appointments.

Applicants to the REEI master’s program are encouraged to submit an application.

Applications should include:

• Graduate assistantship application
  http://www.indiana.edu/~reeiweb/funding/GA_application.pdf
• Three letters of recommendation; two new recommendations should address the student’s abilities to meet the demands of the GAship; the remaining reference may be on file if written by an IU faculty member within the last 18 months

Current transcript of IU graduate work (unofficial transcript sufficient)
• Current CV/resume
• Statement of 1,000 words or less, describing educational goals, career interests and plans as well as experiences with the following:
  1. Writing and editing (newsletters, reports, reviews)
  2. Computer experience (software, web skills, etc.)
  3. Office skills
  4. Presentations (lectures, displays, showing of films)
  5. Organizational skills
  6. Knowledge of library materials
  7. Languages and level (reading, writing, oral)
  8. Overseas experience
• A writing sample of 500-1000 words

Application due:  March 1, 2016.

Additional Graduate Assistantship Opportunities

Graduate Assistantships and Research Assistantships are available in some affiliated departments. These include:

• Central Eurasian Studies (CEUS)
  http://www.indiana.edu/~ceus/
• Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center (IAUNRC) http://www.indiana.edu/~iaunrc/
• Polish Studies Center
  http://www.indiana.edu/~polishst/
• Institute for European Studies
  http://www.iub.edu/~euroinst/
• Residential Programs and Services (RPS)
  http://www.rps.indiana.edu/gradjobs.cfml
• School of Education
  http://www.education.indiana.edu/about/jobs/student-assistantships/index.html
• Grad Grants Center
  http://www.indiana.edu/~gradgrnt/category/saa-vacancies/

For more details and application information contact each department directly.
The Russian and East European Institute at Indiana University in Bloomington is pleased to announce the Daniel Armstrong Memorial Scholarship competition for incoming freshmen. One Armstrong Scholarship of at least $1,500 will be awarded to an incoming freshman committed to pursuing study of Russian or an East European language throughout his or her undergraduate career and who has a record of academic excellence. This scholarship is renewable (at a lesser amount) for up to a total of four years if the awardee maintains a satisfactory academic record and continues to enroll in the appropriate foreign language study.

Selection Criteria: Candidates will be considered on the basis of outstanding academic and personal achievement. Students should have a GPA of 3.2 or above on a 4-point scale and have a record of academic and extracurricular accomplishment. Preference will be given to applicants who plan their studies with the intent of spending at least one full semester (junior or senior year) of study abroad in a program approved by the IU Office of Overseas Study in the foreign language of study.

Application Procedure: Please submit a cover letter providing name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and IU student ID number (if available); a personal statement that addresses plans for academic work at Indiana University and the specific way that the study of Russian or an East European language will figure in the applicant’s undergraduate education and career plans; a resume detailing extracurricular activities, awards, and honors; and one letter of recommendation. For applicants who have had the opportunity to study a foreign language in high school or have otherwise had some connection to the Russian and East European region, a letter from a high school foreign language teacher or adult leader of an internationally focused extracurricular activity would be most appropriate.

Applications should be submitted by February 1, 2016 to Mark Trotter, Associate Director, at: martrott@indiana.edu or Attn: Daniel Armstrong Memorial Scholarship
Russian and East European Institute
Global and International Studies Building
355 North Jordan Avenue
Bloomington, IN 47405-1105

Applications received after February 1 will be waitlisted.
The scholarship winner will be announced before March 15, 2016.
REEI/Mellon Endowment

Conference Travel Grants
REEI provides grants to help graduate students present their research at major association meetings and conferences. Student travel reimbursement is limited to minimum airfare or mileage (per IU guidelines), one night lodging, and conference registration fee.

Students may also be eligible for conference travel support from the College of Arts and Sciences. Please check with your home department graduate advisor to see if you can be nominated. REEI domestic conference travel grants will not exceed $400 and international grants will not exceed $600.

Application Materials Needed:
- One REEI/Mellon Endowment graduate student application form available at REEI and at http://www.iub.edu/~reeiweb/funding/studentresearchapp.doc
- One letter of recommendation (preferably from the student’s academic advisor) addressing the quality of the student’s work generally
- Itemized budget of expected expenditures
- Current IU transcript (unofficial transcript sufficient) and CV or list of academic honors
- For conference travel: an abstract of the paper and a copy of the conference program (or notification of the acceptance of the paper).
- For research: a statement of 1,000 words or less describing educational goals, career interests and plans; the statement should describe the project and the specific purposes for which aid is sought; it should address how this activity will further the participant’s academic progress and ultimately help achieve career goals.

Grants-in-Aid of Research
Small grants are available to help graduate students who require modest support (up to $700/year) for research-related travel (domestic or international), travel for participation in a structured internship program, or travel for advanced language study. Grants may also be used for other research expenses, including those related to publication of completed research.

Students applying under this program may also be eligible for support under Office of the Vice President for International Affairs, International Enhancement Grants (see page 8). Please discuss your plans with Mark Trotter or Emily Liverman before submitting an application.

Deadlines: January 15, April 1 (if funds available), October 1

Dissertation Write-up Fellowship (One Semester)
One award of $7,500 plus tuition fee remission for one academic semester will provide support to an Indiana University graduate student near the completion of his or her doctoral program, in any field. The fellowship is intended for applicants who have completed all course work, passed all required preliminary examinations, received approval for their research proposal, and completed all formal components of their dissertation field research or data collection. The fellowship is intended to support one semester of full-time writing in which the recipient will not be engaged in other employment.

The fellowship will be granted on the basis of the scholarly potential of the applicant, the quality and scholarly importance of the proposed work, and its importance to the development of scholarship on the REEI region. Heavy emphasis will be placed on the recommendation of the applicant’s dissertation advisor in regard to the prospects for the applicant to complete and defend the dissertation at the end of the one semester fellowship or soon thereafter.

A completed application should include:
- Application cover sheet
- Proposal explaining topic of dissertation and plan for completion (no more than 5 pages, double spaced)
- Bibliography (no more than 2 pages)
- Publications list (optional and no more than 2 pages)
- One reference letter from dissertation advisor
- One additional reference letter
- Unofficial transcript of graduate record

The application cover sheet is available for download at http://www.indiana.edu/~reeiweb/funding/doctoral.shtml
All application materials must be submitted to the REEI office by March 1 of each year.
The Office of the Vice President for International Affairs maintains exchange agreements which provide opportunities for IU graduate students to conduct research, study, and teach at selected partner institutions abroad. Interested individuals should contact phone: (812) 856-8669, e-mail: partner@iu.ed Application deadline is October 23, 2015.

Applicants may be students from any discipline, department, or campus. Each applicant must submit a proposal for a program that would constitute an integral part of a well-conceived graduate degree program at Indiana University. Unless specifically indicated, it is important that applicants demonstrate strong language skills. For more information, visit http://worldwide.iu.edu/activities/exchanges/students.shtml

Warsaw University, Warsaw, Poland
Academic year or one semester position (Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017) for study or research in any academic field that can be accommodated at Warsaw University for graduate students. Warsaw will cover costs of attending the university plus room and board. A travel stipend will be provided by the Office of the Vice President for International Affairs. Please visit the Warsaw University website at: www.uw.edu.pl/

Tucker / Cohen Endowed Fellowship Fund
This award memorializes Robert C. Tucker, the distinguished political scientist, diplomat, and Stalin biographer who, as a professor of government at Indiana University, played a critical role in the formation of the Russian and East European Institute. It also honors the work of his student, Stephen F. Cohen, a preeminent scholar of Soviet and Russian political history, who holds two degrees from Indiana University.

The Tucker/Cohen Fellowship will be awarded to an incoming student in the REEI MA program or any other MA program associated with REEI who demonstrates a scholarly interest in the history and politics of the Soviet Union and/or Russia and intends to pursue a career in some field of public service, such as journalism, secondary education, non-profit work, or government service. The award carries a one-year tuition and fee waiver, health insurance, and a stipend of at least $17,000 for the award year 2016-2017.

There is no separate application required. The fellowship will be awarded every other year, with the next fellowship to be awarded for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland
One-semester position (Fall 2016 or Spring 2017) for study or research in any academic field that can be accommodated at Jagiellonian University for graduate students. Jagiellonian provides a fee waiver for tuition and a stipend. The Office of the Vice President for Internal Affairs covers the cost of roundtrip airfare. Please visit the Jagiellonian University web site at: http://www.en.uj.edu.pl/en_GB/studying/student-exchange

Robert F. Byrnes / REEI Endowed Fellowship Fund
Robert F. Byrnes was the founder and for many years director of REEI. The Fellowship Committee awards this one-year fellowship to an outstanding graduate student in Russian and East European Studies.

There is no application for this award; the recipient is selected from the top new applicants to the MA program. The award consists of a 30-credit fee remission, an annual stipend of at least $18,000, and health insurance.

Educational Opportunity Fellowship
The Educational Opportunity Fellowship (EOF) is designed to enable promising students who are first generation college students and who do not fare well in conventional competition for graduate fellowships. Incoming and continuing graduate students who intend to pursue a master's or doctoral degree on the Bloomington campus of Indiana University are eligible. The fellowship includes a stipend and a tuition reduction and a possible summer award. The deadline to submit your application to REEI is January 1, 2016. http://graduate.indiana.edu/doc/shared/educational-opportunity-fellowship.pdf
The GradGrants Center (GGC) provides Indiana University graduate students with training, one-on-one assistance with proposal writing, and a centralized area to access funding information for fellowships, prizes, awards, independent projects, scholarships, work cooperative programs, and research opportunities.

GGC's services are FREE to IU graduate students. They include access to funding information databases — IRIS and the Community of Science Funding Opportunities Database.

The Indiana University Student Academic Appointment Vacancies listing is a bulletin board providing a central location for student academic appointment job information.

GGC conducts workshops on grant writing strategies each semester and provides a bimonthly Web-published newsletter during the academic year. GGC consultants are experienced grant winners and offer one-on-one help with grant proposal writing. Consultants can guide students through the Center’s reference library of funding directories and assist with searching on-line databases.

Contact: GradGrants Center, IUB Main Library, East Tower, Room 651, 1320 East 10th Street; Phone 812-855-5281; email: gradgrnt@indiana.edu;
website: http://www.indiana.edu/~gradgrnt/about/

For more information about funding opportunities outside the University, visit the appropriate websites listed below.

**Additional Funding Resources**

- American Association of University Women (AAUW)
  www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/american.cfm
- American Councils for International Education (ACTR/ACCELS)
  http://www.americancouncils.org/programs
- American Educational Research Association
  http://www.aera.net/
- ACPC Pulaski Scholarships
  www.polishcultureacpc.org
- International Resources and Exchanges Board (IREX)
  www.irex.org/apply
- Fulbright Homepage
  www.iie.org/cies/
- National Security Education Program (NSEP)
  http://www.nsep.gov/content/initiatives
- Critical Language Scholarship Program
  http://clscholarship.org/
- Smithsonian Fellowships
  www.si.edu/ofg/
- Social Science Research Council (SSRC)
  www.ssrc.org/fellowships/
- US State Department
  http://careers.state.gov/intern/student-programs
- Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
  www.wilsoncenter.org/fellowships-grants
- The Kosciuszko Foundation
  http://www.thekf.org/kf/scholarships/eligibility/
The REEI Summer Russian Scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis to applicants who meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled in a full-time undergraduate degree program
- Currently enrolled in a course of Russian language study at an institute of higher education
- Enrolled in an 8-week course of study in Russian at the IU Summer Language Workshop
- Child of parents/guardians who have not received an education degree beyond a high school diploma or GED

The scholarship will provide at least $2500 to be used for tuition, fees, or living expenses. The application is available online at http://www.indiana.edu/~reeiweb/funding/REEISummerRussianScholarship.pdf

Questions may be addressed to Mark Trotter, REEI Associate Director (812-856-5247)

Deadline for applications: March 31, 2016

FLAS Fellowships for Russian and East and Central European Languages

Title VI FLAS fellowships are awarded to students enrolled in intensive instruction in Russian (beyond the second year) and East and Central European languages in the Indiana University Summer Language Workshop (SWSEEL). Awards include stipends of $2,500 plus fee scholarship. Eligible Slavic and East and Central European languages include Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Estonian, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Russian and Ukrainian. REEI offers summer FLAS fellowships to exceptional undergraduates in Russian (beyond the second year).

Interested students should submit a separate application for the Summer Language Workshop and the Summer FLAS. SWSEEL applications are available online at http://www.indiana.edu/~swseel

FLAS Fellowships for Hungarian and IAUNRC Languages

Title VI FLAS fellowships are awarded to students enrolled in intensive instruction in Central East Eurasian languages in the Indiana University Summer Language Workshop (SWSEEL). Awards include stipends of $2,500 plus fee scholarship. IAUNRC offers summer FLAS fellowships to exceptional undergraduates in Russian (beyond the second year). Central East Eurasian languages include Azerbaijani, Hungarian, Kurdish, Mongolian, Persian, and Turkish.

Interested students should submit a separate application for the Summer Language Workshop and the Summer FLAS. SWSEEL applications are available online at http://www.indiana.edu/~swseel

International Enhancement Grants

Grants of up to $2,000 are available on a competitive basis for graduate students seeking support to pursue relevant academic or training opportunities that will enhance their degree programs at Indiana University. The International Enhancement Grant is funded jointly by the Office of the Vice President for International Affairs, the Office of Research, and the University Graduate School and supports directed off-campus international activities in areas that do not duplicate opportunities or coursework available through their home campus.

Successful applicants will have an objective that can be feasibly obtained over the 2016 summer term. Preference is given to applicants whose projects involve international travel, but this is not a requirement of the program. All projects must have an international focus, however. In addition to a personal statement, applicants should provide the review committee with a detailed description of their program, such as a syllabus, course description, or program brochure. If the opportunity is not a regularly offered course, a detailed summary of the activities should be written and confirmation of supervision from a host institution faculty member or on-site supervisor must be provided. Grants may not be used to support participation in a formal IU overseas study program or for research activities. Eligible enhancement projects include: enrollment in language classes not offered at IU; participation in an internship program that will enhance academic/professional credentials; attending degree-related classes not available on the IU campus; attending a month-long workshop or series of workshops overseas related to an area of study at IU. The internship should not be a requirement for attaining an IU degree.

All applicants should contact Paul Fogleman at the Office of the Vice President for International Affairs before applying for this grant to determine their eligibility. Information can be found at http://worldwide.iu.edu/students/grants-grads/international-enhancement.shtml

Any additional questions should be directed to iagrants@iu.edu

Deadlines: December 4, 2015 for Spring 2016; March 1, 2016 for Summer 2016
Summer Funding

IU Summer Language Workshop Project GO funding for ROTC students

Project GO scholarships are valued around $6,500, and cover full tuition for SWSEEL, room and board on the Bloomington campus, and a small living stipend. This program is open to all ROTC cadets (contracted or non-contracted) from any branch and in any year of undergraduate study. The languages available for study include Arabic, Persian, Russian, Tatar, Turkish, Uyghur, and Uzbek. Applications are part of the SWSEEL application.

ROTC students can also apply for scholarships to study abroad. Eligible students must be at the intermediate level of their target language or higher. Students must study abroad for at least eight weeks. Students should contact rotcslcp@indiana.edu for information on application procedures.

More information on the IU Project GO program, including application details, is available at http://www.indiana.edu/~swseel/

Portable Title VIII SWSEEL Fellowships

A limited number of portable Title VIII fellowships are available to qualified SWSEEL alumni for summer intensive language training in higher levels than are offered in SWSEEL. These are typically for overseas study. The deadline for the portable fellowship is March 1, 2016. Applicants must submit a statement of purpose, description of program of study, budget, and two letters of recommendation to the SWSEEL director. Details are available at http://indiana.edu/~swseel/funding-costs/title8

OVPIA Summer Pre-Dissertation Travel Grants

These grants support research-related summer travel abroad a full year prior to conducting dissertation research abroad. Activities supported include exploring potential research sites, archives, or other research resources; establishing institutional affiliations; identifying and meeting local scholars and contacts.

Award: Transportation and $1,000 stipend
Deadline: March 1, 2016

Contact: Paul Fogleman, OVPIA, 201 North Indiana Avenue, IU Bloomington; Telephone: 812-855-3948; Fax: 812-856-6271; E-mail: iagrants@iu.edu

Students should follow the instructions at http://worldwide.iu.edu/students/grants-grads/pre-dissertation-travel.shtml to apply for both pre-dissertation competitions.

Submit the original to Paul Fogleman at the Office of the Vice President for International Affairs and submit one complete copy to Mark Trotter at the Russian and East European Institute.

REEI/Mellon Summer Pre-Dissertation Travel Grants

REEI offers two grants to support research-related travel for preliminary dissertation field activities such as exploring potential research sites, archives, and other research resources, establishing institutional affiliations, and identifying and meeting with scholars, archivists and specialists. The grants are primarily intended for doctoral students who will apply in the next academic year for funding to conduct dissertation research abroad. Students who have reached the ABD stage and have formally begun dissertation research are not eligible for funding under this program. REEI/Mellon endowment grants are limited to $2,000 per student, paid as a fellowship.
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Language Learning Grants

These grants are for support for IU faculty to acquire new language capability necessary for carrying out a planned research activity or to enhance teaching, or engage in other university-related activities. Grants may be awarded for intensive language programs in the US or abroad, special tutorials, or regularly offered language courses. Applicant must be tenured or a tenure-track faculty member at an IU campus.

Funding: Maximum $5,000
http://www.worldwide.iu.edu/faculty/grants/index.shtml#learning
Inquiries to: iagratings@indiana.edu

Deadlines: Applications will be accepted when these opportunities arise.

Overseas Conference Fund

These grants are for partial support for faculty to attend an international conference to present a competitively selected paper. Applicant must be tenured or a tenure-track faculty member at an IU campus.

Funding: Maximum $1,500 per 24-month period
http://www.worldwide.iu.edu/faculty/grants/index.shtml#conference
Inquiries to: iagratings@indiana.edu

Deadlines: January 15, April 1, July 1, October 1

REEI & Mellon Endowment Grants

Summer Faculty Research Fellowships

One summer fellowship of $5,000 will be awarded. Major objectives include support for projects nearing completion by younger faculty that are important for tenure; major projects in early stages of development that can be expected to attract substantial outside funding; significant projects nearing completion that show clear promise of early publication; and proposals that encourage research collaboration between faculty and graduate students. All regular Institute faculty are eligible to apply.

Applications can be found at http://www.iub.edu/~reeiweb/funding/studentresearchapp.doc
Deadline: mid-February

For more questions regarding the awards listed, please visit the REEI website at www.iub.edu/~reeiweb/funding/index.shtml, email reei@indiana.edu, or call the office at (812) 855-7309.
Faculty Funding Opportunities

Recipients are ineligible to apply again for such awards the following year.

Applications should include:
• One application form for summer Faculty Research Fellowship, which includes a project description
• A current curriculum vitae
• Three letters of recommendation, one of which should come from the departmental chairperson

Applications are available online at http://www.iub.edu/~reeiweb/funding/SFApp.doc

Applications and supporting materials are due on March 1.

Grants-in-Aid of Research

The Russian and East European Institute administers the Mellon Faculty Grants-in-Aid of Research Program funded by the REEI/Mellon Endowment. Under this program, all regular Institute faculty are eligible to apply for research grants of up to $700 per year. Priority will be given to the support of innovative proposals that show clear promise of developing into research projects of major significance and ultimately attracting substantial outside funding.

Priority will also be given to proposals that encourage research collaboration between faculty and graduate students and to well-qualified applicants who have not previously held grants under this program. Recipients of REEI Summer Faculty Research Fellowships are not eligible to receive this award a second time for the same project in a single academic year. Among the kinds of activities which might be supported are: travel and per diem to initiate or complete research for a project; support of research assistants; source materials acquisition, photo-copying and computer expenses; and clerical support.

Applications should include:
• The application form, including a budget statement and project description
• A current curriculum vitae
• Two letters of recommendation, one of which should come from the departmental chairperson

Applications are available online at http://www.iub.edu/~reeiweb/funding/facultyresearchapp.doc

Application deadlines are January 15, April 1, October 1.

REEI/Mellon International Faculty Travel

REEI has set aside special Mellon Endowment funds (up to $850 per faculty member) to assist a limited number of faculty members in traveling to conferences abroad during each academic year. Applicants should be presenting a paper or otherwise participating in the program as a chair or discussant on a panel or roundtable.

Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to apply to the Office of the Vice President for International Affairs for travel support as well.

Applications should include:
• Application form for Faculty Travel Grant/International
• Itemized budget of expected expenditures
• A preliminary copy of the conference schedule showing the panel on which the applicant will be participating (or confirmation of participation from conference organizers)
• An abstract of the paper; faculty members not presenting a paper should include a brief statement (one page) addressing the importance of their participation on a panel for other purposes
• Current curriculum vitae

Applications are available online at http://www.iub.edu/~reeiweb/funding/factravelnew.doc

Applications and supporting materials deadlines are January 15, April 1, October 1.

REEI Domestic Conference Travel Grants

Applications for funding of faculty travel to conferences in North America will be evaluated and awards made twice a year. Grants will not exceed $400. Only regular Russian and East European Institute affiliated faculty are eligible for support. Please contact REEI for information on becoming a faculty affiliate.

Applications will be ranked on the following basis:
1) paper presenters
2) officers of national professional organizations whose attendance is required for committee or board meetings
3) round table participants and panel commentators
4) panel chairs
5) others.
### Distinguished Alumni
- 1988 Alexander Rabinowitch
- 1988 Charles Gati
- 1995 Gale Stokes
- 1995 Helena Goscilo
- 2002 Howard I. Aronson
- 2002 William Hopkins
- 2009 Donald Raleigh
- 2011 Stephen F. Cohen
- 2013 Victor Jackovich

### Distinguished Service
- 1988 Theofanis Stavrou
- 1988 Robert F. Byrnes
- 1989 Karen Niggle
- 1996 Robert W. Campbell
- 1997 Charles Jelavich
- 1997 Janet Rabinowitch
- 2000 William B. Edgerton
- 2007 Denise Gardiner
- 2009 David L. Ransel
- 2010 Jerzy Kołodziej
- 2012 Henry Cooper
- 2015 Anna Sharogradskaya

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**How can I make my application more competitive?**

We instruct the fellowship committee to consider the application as a whole, including grades, GRE scores (not applicable for undergraduate application), letters of recommendation, and statement of purpose. Please make sure that your statement of purpose is well-written and well-edited. It is frustrating to read through spelling and grammatical errors.

**Do you really need my GRE scores?**

If you are currently a graduate student: yes. If you will be a graduate student for the FLAS award period: yes. If you are currently and will continue to be an undergraduate student during the FLAS award period: no.

**What are you looking for in letters of recommendation for the FLAS fellowship application?**

The strongest letter will specifically address the applicant’s need to study the language in question, as well as the applicant’s overall abilities and academic and career goals. If you are applying for study of a language at the intermediate or advanced level, it is appropriate to request a letter from a current or previous language instructor that addresses your ability to learn the language. If you have not been in school for a while, you may need to use a letter of recommendation from an employer.

**Is it okay if my letters of recommendation, transcripts, or other supporting materials are received after the fellowship deadline?**

The only item that must be received by the deadline (February 1st) is your application. We understand that student applicants are sometimes not at fault for late recommendation letters, and we will continue to accept supporting materials after the deadline up to the point when the applications are forwarded to the committee. We strongly recommend, however, that you submit all of your supporting materials by the deadline.