The application period has opened for the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad program for FY 2015. This program provides grants to colleges and universities to fund individual doctoral students who conduct research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies for periods of 6 to 12 months. According to Federal regulations, area studies are defined as programs of comprehensive study that include aspects of a society or societies-the study of their geography, history, culture, economy, politics, international relations, and languages.

Projects deepen research knowledge and help the nation to develop capability in areas of the world not generally included in U.S. curricula.

The U.S. Department of Education will only consider applications for a research project that focuses on one or more of the following geographic areas: Africa, East Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands, South Asia, the Near East, Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia, and the Western Hemisphere (excluding the United States and its territories).

Please note that applications that propose projects focused on the following countries are not eligible: Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, or Vatican City.

Eligibility: Students must apply through their institutions. To be eligible to receive a fellowship under the DDRA program, a student must:

- be a citizen of the United States or be a permanent resident of the United States;
- be a graduate student in good standing at an institution of higher education in the United States who, when the fellowship begins, is admitted to candidacy in a doctoral degree program in modern foreign languages and area studies at that institution;
- plan a teaching career in the United States upon graduation, or plan to apply language skills (in world areas vital to US national security) and knowledge of these countries in the fields of government, international development, and various professions; and
- possess adequate skills in the language(s) necessary to carry out the dissertation project.

Students may not accept certain grants (Fulbright US Student Program [FUSP] administered by IIE, Boren, IREX, Japan Foundation) in the same fiscal year that they receive a US/ED Fulbright-Hays grant. Student applicants who have received support for more than six months under the DDRA Program are not eligible to re-apply.

The institutional application deadline is April 28, 2015, so student applicants must submit their individual packages on the G5 e-Application system by *April 17, 2015* and contact me to confirm they have completed their modules in the online application. Late submissions cannot be accommodated, unfortunately. There is a tight turnaround on the program application given it was just announced in the Federal Register on February 27, 2015, and institutional applications are due on April 28, 2015. The Center for Global Studies will host an informational session on April 8, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in 308 Willard.
Interested students can be directed to the Center for Global Studies calling 814-867-4697 or emailing our staff assistant, Jon Jobe (jrj19@psu.edu) if they have application questions.

Expenses covered by the award include:

- travel expenses, including excess baggage to and from the residence of the fellow to the host country of research;
- maintenance and dependents allowances based on the cost of living in country(ies) of research for the fellow and his or her dependent(s);
- project allowance for research related expenses such as books, copying, affiliation fees, local travel and other incidental expenses;
- health and accident insurance premiums; and
- $100.00 administrative fee to applicant institution.

Applications for FY 2015 grants are submitted electronically using the G5 e-Application system at https://www.g5.gov.

A program overview and link to the application package are available online at http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/index.html.

Additional information and the application to the Center for Global Studies can be accessed via http://cgs.psu.edu/DDRA.shtml.