

## Funding

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education through its Fulbright-Hays International Education Program. Each selected participant will be awarded a fellowship that will cover:

- Round-trip travel between Detroit, Michigan, and Kilimanjaro, Tanzania
- Tuition fees
- Books and other material
- Room and board at MS-TCDC in Arusha, Tanzania
- Travel expenses in Tanzania

Each participant will contribute \$1,000 as program fees. Participants will be asked to make their own travel arrangements to and from Detroit.

## Other Support

In the past, the grant from the U.S. Department of Education has not been sufficient to support all eligible applicants. The program director advises those who do not make the list of finalists to seek alternative funding sources, including their own institutions through their Africa studies programs. Eligible students with other sources of funding have participated in the program.

## Statement on Institutional Equity

Michigan State University is committed to institutional equity. This commitment has motivated the creation of multiple university policies intended to ensure full participation of all members of the university community. For more information, visit [inclusion.msu.edu/institutionalequity](http://inclusion.msu.edu/institutionalequity).



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# INTENSIVE ADVANCED KISWAHILI IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA

June 19–August 8, 2009

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## Coordinating Institutions

The seven-week program is offered by the Association of African Studies Programs and the African Language Teachers Association with the support of the U.S. Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad (GPA) Program. Michigan State University's African Studies Center and Department of Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic, Asian, and African Languages, in collaboration with the University of Florida and the University of Dar es Salaam, will conduct the program at the MS-Training Center for Development Cooperation (MS-TCDC) in Arusha, Tanzania.

## Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States
- Graduate/professional students or undergraduate juniors or seniors
- Focusing their studies on Africa

## Selection Criteria

- Overall superior previous academic performance and promise
- Superior performance in at least four semesters of university-level Swahili courses, or the equivalent; applicants who are attending their fourth semester or final quarter of intermediate Swahili at the time of application are also eligible
- Letters of recommendation that portray a strong candidate
- Applicant's statement of purpose, including professional and academic goals
- Oral proficiency at Intermediate-Mid in Swahili in ACTFL scale
- Career commitment to Eastern Africa or African studies

## Application Deadline

February 15, 2009

## Application Availability

Applications will be available at all university African studies centers across the nation and on the Michigan State University African Studies Center website at [africa.msu.edu/kiswahili.php](http://africa.msu.edu/kiswahili.php). Applications can be submitted electronically.

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## Application Procedure

By February 15, 2009, please submit the following:

- Six copies of the completed two-page application.
- Official academic transcript(s) from your current college/university. If you were enrolled for Kiswahili study elsewhere, request transcripts from that school as well. Only original transcripts will be accepted.
- A letter from your most recent Kiswahili instructor giving a detailed evaluation of your speaking, reading, and writing proficiency in Kiswahili. This evaluation should be mailed by the evaluator directly to Dr. Deo Ngonyani by the application deadline.
- Two letters of recommendation from current and/or former instructors. These should be mailed by the recommender directly to Dr. Ngonyani by the application deadline.

Dr. Ngonyani will be available to assist you during the preparation of your application. Please contact him for advice.

## Application Review and Oral Proficiency Interview

The Kiswahili GPA committee consisting of specialists in Kiswahili from several universities will review the applications and rank the applicants. Each member of the panel will have access to the application packet to evaluate your application. Based on the recommendations of the panel, a selection of highly qualified applicants will be made. Sometime during March 2009, a selection committee member will contact applicants by phone to interview them in Kiswahili and determine their proficiency level. In anticipation of this, ask your Kiswahili instructor to give you practice speaking over the phone.

## Acceptance and Notification

The Kiswahili GPA committee will make the final selection based on the oral interviews. If you are a successful applicant and recipient of a fellowship, you will be notified by April 4, 2009. At that time, additional information concerning the program will be sent to you.

