

Center for African Studies - Student Ambassadors

Application for 2025-2026

All applications should be submitted by 5:00pm on March 28

The Center for African Studies seeks undergraduate & graduate Student Ambassadors to enhance African Studies at UF and support an inclusive, globally minded campus community at the University of Florida.

Ambassadors will play an active role in Center for African Studies' recruitment and outreach initiatives. Ambassadors will be assigned individual tasks and will work as a team to promote the Center for African Studies and its programs. Ambassadors will engage in class visits, information sessions, social media management, and assist with CAS events.

Applicants will be chosen on the basis of their application materials and finalists will be interviewed by a panel of Center for African Studies faculty.

As a CAS Ambassadors, students will be exposed to opportunities for professional and academic development and work as peer mentors for undergraduates in African Studies. They will interact closely with Center for African Studies faculty and graduate students and promote ties across the UF campus by collaborating with administration, staff, and student organizations. Ambassadors will develop skills in marketing, program development, and student recruitment and gain an understanding of research careers and graduate education.

CAS Student Ambassadors will be eligible for research awards and other opportunities made available on a regular basis by the Center for African Studies.

Students with the following qualities are encouraged to apply:

- Intercultural competency, as demonstrated by international or cross cultural experiences;
- International knowledge, as demonstrated by academic major/minor or personal study and career development;
- Strong written and oral communication skills;
- Ability to work independently as well as collaborate effectively within teams;
- Interest in developing and promoting cultural understanding and global engagement across a broad range of subjects.

Responsibilities

- Commit to Ambassador duties from 2025 through April 2026
- Attend bi-weekly meetings with faculty/staff mentors
- Serve as student representative and liaison for the Center for African Studies
- Maintain good academic and disciplinary standing
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Activities may include: Study Abroad fair, African Language Table, African Coffee-break, ASU showcase, Carter Conference, classroom visits, newsletter contributions, etc.

Application Checklist

- ☐ Completed Application Packet
- ☐ Application Essay
- ☐ C.V. or Resume
- ☐ Africa Courselist- Not Required

Please submit the complete application by **5:00pm on 1 November** to Brittany Clarke (brittany400@ufl.edu) ATTN: CASFAmbassadors

CAS Ambassador Application

Personal Information

Name:		UFID:
Local Address:		
Phone:	Email Address:	
Permanent Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:

Education

Please list the schools you have attended from high school onwards. Include the name of the school, your major (and any minors or certificates), start date, graduation date (or expected graduation date), and final GPA.

Relevant Coursework

Course Title and Instructor Name	Semester	Grade

Student Conduct

Do you have a file with the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution?

☐ YES ☐ NO If yes, provide an explanation in the space below:

Application Essay

Attach in a separate file an essay of no more than 500 words:

(1) Why are you interested in becoming a Center for African Studies Ambassador and what makes you a good candidate?

(2) If you could create any program through the Center for African Studies to help recruit potential students, what would it be and how would it benefit students?

(3) Are you an international student and/or have you had an international experience either as a study abroad student, internship or research in an overseas university/institute or participated in service work overseas? Please clarify when, where, and in what capacity.