Summer Fellowships

East Asian Studies Program

Summer Funding 2015

General Principles

The Program in East Asian Studies supports Ph.D. students in humanities and social science departments who are concentrating on East Asian topics for their dissertation research. Priority is given to intensive, advanced language study at approved programs that is crucial for research and to research abroad that furthers students’ research. Application must be made by Feb. 15, 2015, through the Summer Funding Application on the Graduate School’s website. Reasonable budgets and accurate applications are required. The principal advisor must also submit a letter of recommendation. Funding is intended to pay for extra expenses required for special courses or research, not for regular living expenses, which should be covered through the regular university stipend. Students in their first five years of enrollment or in their first year of DCE status are eligible.

An optional information session discussing eligibility, budgets, and the application process will be held on Monday, Feb. 9, at 4:30 pm, in Jones 202.

Language Study

The Program in East Asian Studies supports summer study of Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and other Asian languages for students whose dissertation research requires it. Normally language programs should be intensive (full-time, at least four hours per day, five days per week, a minimum of eight weeks) and provide the equivalent of one year of language study, and advanced (second-year and beyond). Studying European languages, studying the first year of an Asian language, and studying at more expensive U.S.-based programs (e.g., Middlebury Summer School) are not supported. Application deadlines for language programs vary and most occur before Princeton’s deadline for funding applications. Programs regularly supported include:

Chinese: Princeton-in-Beijing, Inter-University Program (Beijing)

Japanese: Princeton-in-Ishikawa, Hokkaido International Foundation (Hakodate), Inter-University Center (Yokohama), KCJS;

Korean: Sogang University;

Tibetan: University of Virginia, University of Wisconsin.
Pre-dissertation Research (1st and 2nd Year Students) and
Dissertation Research (3rd Year and After)

The Program in EAS supports summer research that contributes directly to completion of the dissertation. Students typically attend courses or workshops; survey archives, collections, or field sites; develop contacts essential to their dissertation topics; or pursue intensive dissertation research. Normally primary materials are in East Asian languages, and research is conducted in the local language.

Applications

Students must complete the Common Application on the Graduate School website (https://gradschool.princeton.edu/forms/summer-funding-application) by Feb. 15, 2015.

The statement of your proposed summer activity plans (PDF file submitted in Section II of Graduate School Summer Funding Application) should include a proposal of one paragraph describing the work to be undertaken during the summer and one paragraph describing how the summer program advances work toward a clearly described dissertation project.

Budget figures (in Section III of Graduate School Summer Funding Application) should list basic expenses (airfare, other essential travel, room and board, tuition, and fees) based on economy class fares and student housing. We do not cover incidental expenses like visas, copying costs, cell phones, etc., or funding for translation or research assistants.

A recommendation letter from your principal advisor should be sent separately by e-mail attachment to Richard Chafey, Program Manager, East Asian Studies (chafey@princeton.edu), by the application deadline of Feb. 15, 2015.