



EAST ASIAN STUDIES

An interdisciplinary concentration
in the humanities and social sciences

FUNDING YOUR TRAVEL TO EAST ASIA

Winter Funding

Asia Center Student Organization Grants: For undergraduate and grad student organizations for transnational or comparative projects involving two or more countries or regions in East, South, and Southeast Asia OR single-country projects in Southeast Asia. Projects relating to the Asian diaspora and Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) studies will also be considered. Offered on an ongoing basis; organizations are encouraged to apply as early as possible, as funds are limited.

Deadline: Rolling; at least one month in advance of the event or project start date

<https://asiacenter.harvard.edu/funding-affiliation-opportunities/student/asia-center-student-organization-grants>

Asia Center Winter Research Travel Grants for Undergraduates: Supports undergraduates conducting research over the winter recess that looks at two or more countries of East, South, and Southeast Asia comparatively or explores the relations among Asian countries. Projects relating to Asian diasporas and/or Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) studies will also be considered.

Deadline: Late October

<https://asiacenter.harvard.edu/funding-affiliation-opportunities/student/asia-center-winter-research-travel-grants-for-undergraduate-students>

Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies Winter Term Grants: Limited number of grants to assist undergraduate students with financial need to participate in optional Winter Term (December-January) programs related to Chinese studies.

Deadline: Late October

<https://fairbank.fas.harvard.edu/undergraduate-student-grants/>

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Kenneth I. Juster

Fellowships for Undergraduate Research and Travel: Supports undergraduate field research or field experience in the areas of international relations, international trade and economic affairs, international development, international negotiation and dispute resolution, and global governance and affairs. Projects may be carried out during the winter break, between semesters, or a term-time leave of absence.

Deadline: Late October

<https://wcfia.harvard.edu/funding/student/juster>

Summer Funding

Asia Center Student Organization Grants: For undergraduate and grad student organizations for transnational or comparative projects involving two or more countries or regions in East, South, and Southeast Asia OR single-country projects in Southeast Asia. Projects relating to the Asian diaspora and Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) studies will also be considered. Offered on an ongoing basis; organizations are encouraged to apply as early as possible, as funds are limited.

Deadline: Rolling; at least one month in advance of the event or project start date

<https://asiacenter.harvard.edu/funding-affiliation-opportunities/student/asia-center-student-organization-grants>

Asia Center Undergraduate Summer Research Travel Grant: Research must look at two or more countries of East, South, and Southeast Asia comparatively or explore the relations among Asian countries. Individual country topics may only be considered for Southeast Asian countries, or if they are part of broader, multi-country research. Projects relating to Asian diasporas and/or Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) studies will also be considered.

Deadline: Mid-February

<https://asiacenter.harvard.edu/funding-affiliation-opportunities/student/asia-center-undergraduate-summer-research-travel-grant>

Boren Scholarships: Federal scholarships to fund summer study abroad programs at least 8 weeks in length for STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) concentrators in exchange for one year of Federal employment postgrad. Longer programs also available to non-STEM concentrators who can demonstrate the skills/experience acquired will be relevant for Federal employment.

Deadline: Late January

<https://www.borenawards.org/>

Critical Language Scholarships: Run by the US State Department, the CLS provide full funding for intensive instruction in languages critical to US national security.

Deadline: Mid-November

<https://www.clscholarship.org/>

David Rockefeller International Experience Grant: to enable students to gain a broader understanding of the world beyond the U.S. or their home country, and to learn about other countries and peoples by spending time immersed in another culture. The purpose of the grant is to afford all students the opportunity to take part in a significant international experience—including study abroad, internships, service projects, research assistantships, and experiential learning projects—regardless of financial constraints.

Deadline: Varies

<https://careerservices.fas.harvard.edu/resources/david-rockefeller-international-experience-grant/>

Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies Summer Language Grants: for undergrads enrolling in a summer language program for intermediate/advanced study of languages necessary for research in Chinese Studies.

Deadline: Early February

<https://fairbank.fas.harvard.edu/undergraduate-student-grants>

Fairbank Center Summer Research Grants: For undergrads conducting research in/on Greater China (including Taiwan) during the summer. Priority to thesis projects.

Deadline: Early February

<https://fairbank.fas.harvard.edu/undergraduate-student-grants>

Freeman-ASIA Awards: Funded by the Institute of International Education, supports U.S.-based undergraduates with demonstrated financial need who are planning to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia for a minimum of 8 weeks.

Deadline: TBD, applications open in February each year

<https://www.iie.org/programs/freeman-asia/>

Fund for Education Abroad: provides scholarships to students who are underrepresented among the U.S. study abroad population.

Deadline: Early February

<https://fundforeducationabroad.org/>

Gilman Scholarships: Funded by the US State Department; support Federal Pell Grant recipients pursuing credit-bearing study abroad opportunities preferably in non-traditional locations. Additional supplemental grants for military families, STEM projects, and Critical Need Language study are also available.

Deadline: Early March

<https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/>

Harvard China Fund Greater China Student Internships: The Harvard Greater China Student Internship Program offers an eight-week internship and cultural immersion program at Chinese corporations, NGOs/NPOs, and multinational companies in Greater China. All participants receive funding for airfare, housing, and a stipend from either the Harvard China Fund, Mignone Center for Career Success, or the host institution.

Deadline: Late January

<https://hcf.fas.harvard.edu/programs/harvard-china-student-internship/>

Harvard College Korea Summer Internship Program

Partially-funded (\$5,000) internship placements with various Korean companies/industries through the Korea Institute. Minimum of 2 years' Korean language background. Strong preference given to returning students, though graduating seniors may also apply.

Deadline: Mid-February

<https://worldwide.harvard.edu/korea-institute-summer-internships-harvard-college-korea-summer-internship-program>

Korea Institute Undergraduate Summer Language Study Grants at Ewha:

The Korea Institute awards one summer language study grant (full tuition waiver) for an undergrad in any concentration to attend the co-ed Ewha International Summer College (EISC) to learn Korean language.

Deadline: Early February

<https://korea.fas.harvard.edu/korea-institute-undergraduate-summer-language-study-grants-ewha>

KI Scholarship to attend SNU International Summer Program (SNU ISP):

The KI awards one or two scholarships (full tuition waiver, dorm fee, airfare, application fee and field trip fee) for one or two Harvard undergraduates in any concentration to attend Seoul National University ISP Summer 2024.

Deadline: Early February

<https://korea.fas.harvard.edu/korea-institute-scholarship-attend-snu-international-summer-program-snu-isp>

KI Scholarships for the Harvard Summer School-Korea Program: The Korea Institute offers limited scholarships to undergraduate students who need additional financial assistance to attend the Harvard Summer School-Korea Program. Students on financial aid are given priority.

Deadline: Late January

<https://korea.fas.harvard.edu/korea-institute-scholarships-harvard-summer-school-korea-program>

KI Summer Research Travel Grants: For Harvard undergraduates in the humanities or social sciences, for research in Korea related to a senior thesis. Must be in good standing and have two years of Korean language study/equivalent proficiency.

Deadline: Early February

<https://korea.fas.harvard.edu/korea-institute-summer-research-travel-grants>

Mignone Center for Career Success Funding for Internships & Volunteer Activities Outside the US: MCS supports students for two types of internships, either virtual or in-person. Students may submit only one funding application for EITHER: an independent, self-arranged internship or research assistantship where the student makes arrangements directly with a supervisor at an organization based outside the U.S.; OR an internship arranged by a third-party internship provider at an organization, based outside the U.S., where the student pays a program fee to participate.

Deadline: Early March

<https://careerservices.fas.harvard.edu/resources/ocs-funded-independent-internships-outside-the-u-s/>

Mignone Center for Career Success Harvard Summer School Study Abroad Program Funding: MCS offers funding for a limited number of admitted and eligible students. If you are a Harvard College student, you'll be asked on your Summer School study abroad application if you would like to be considered for funding. Funding selection is by lottery, and award amounts vary by program and financial aid status.

Deadline: Same as application deadlines for relevant Summer School program

<https://summer.harvard.edu/study-abroad-programs/tuition-funding/>

Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies (RIJS) Japan Summer Internship

Program: RIJS, in partnership with the Program on U.S.-Japan Relations at the Weatherhead Center and SEAS, coordinates summer internship opportunities in Japan for Harvard students of any concentration, in good academic standing, who are returning for fall semester as full-time students. Due to limited positions available, students are strongly encouraged to arrange an (at least) 8-week internship on their own and apply for funding only.

Deadline: Early January

<https://rijs.fas.harvard.edu/undergraduate/internship>

RIJS Japan Summer Science Undergraduate Research Program (JSSURP):

A non-credit, independent science research internship designed to prepare outstanding students for postgrad fellowships, graduate/doctoral study, and post-baccalaureate research positions in the private sector. Due to limited positions, students strongly encouraged to self-arrange an (at least) 8-week internship and apply for funding only.

Deadline: Early January

<https://rijs.fas.harvard.edu/undergraduate/science>

RIJS Undergraduate Summer Japanese Language Study Grant: Competitive grants for Harvard undergraduates planning to enroll in a summer Japanese language study program in Japan. Provides funding toward tuition and living expenses. Students in any concentration eligible to apply, but must be in good academic standing and returning for fall semester as full-time students. Preference given to students whose concentrations either require or give credit for language study, or who plan a senior thesis project making use of Japanese language.

Deadline: Mid-February

<https://rijs.fas.harvard.edu/undergraduate/language>

RIJS Henry Rosovsky Undergraduate Summer Research Grant: Competitive summer grants for undergraduates in the humanities/social sciences for research and/or fieldwork relating directly to a senior honors thesis in Japanese studies. Applicants must be in good academic standing and have completed at least two years of Japanese language study/have comparable proficiency. For exceptionally strong projects, more limited language background may be considered.

Deadline: Mid-February

<https://rijs.fas.harvard.edu/undergraduate/research>

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Deadline: Late October

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Weatherhead Center Summer Travel Grants and the Undergraduate

Associates Program: WCIA holds an annual competition to award 15-20 travel grants supporting summer field research for undergraduates. Grants are designed to help finance travel in connection with senior thesis research on international affairs. All recipients become Undergraduate Associates of the Weatherhead Center for the academic year following their summer research, and present their findings at a WCIA conference in February of their senior year.

Deadline: Mid-February

https://wcfia.harvard.edu/funding/student/summer_travel

Term Time Funding

American Association of Teachers of Japanese (AATJ) Study Abroad

Bridging Scholarship: offers scholarships to American undergraduate students participating in study-abroad programs in Japan for a semester or academic year.

Deadline: March 15 yearly

<https://www.aatj.org/japan-bridging-scholarships/>

Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies Taiwan Studies Grants: Travel grants to support Harvard undergraduates to travel to Taiwan for advanced language training or academic research during the fall or spring semester.

Deadline: Late July for Fall semester; Early December for Spring semester

<https://fairbank.fas.harvard.edu/undergraduate-student-grants>

Fund for Education Abroad: A philanthropically-funded nonprofit, provides scholarships to students underrepresented among the U.S. study abroad population.

Deadline: Early February

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Deadline: Early March

<https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/>

Japanese Government MEXT Scholarship: for students studying at a Japanese university for one or more years. Scholarships are available for post-graduation students, current undergraduates, and more specific scholarships for Japanese Studies and Specialized Training.

Deadline: Varies

https://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/mext-scholarship-info.html

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Deadline: Late October

<https://wcfia.harvard.edu/funding/student/juster>

Post-Graduation Travel Funding

Blakemore Freeman Language Fellowships: awarded for one academic year (two semesters or three quarters) of advanced level language study in East or Southeast Asia. Eligible languages are Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Indonesian, Khmer, Thai, and Vietnamese. Must have received BA by the beginning of Fellowship.

Deadline: December 30 yearly

<https://www.blakemorefoundation.org/blakemorefreeman>

Blakemore Kingfisher Art History Language Fellowships: for 9-12 months of full-time, intensive study of Chinese or Korean in East Asia. Open to US or Canadian citizens/permanent residents with intent to pursue academic career in Chinese or Korean art history prior to 20th century. Must hold a BA by beginning of Fellowship.

Deadline: December 30 yearly

<https://www.blakemorefoundation.org/blakemorekingfisher>

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Deadline: Mid-February

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Deadline: Varies

https://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/mext-scholarship-info.html

Mitsubishi UFJ Trust Scholarship: established by the Mitsubishi Trust and Banking Corporation, offers grant programs for the purpose of contributing to the development of industries and improvement of society and culture in Japan.

Deadline: Varies

https://www.scholarship.or.jp/english/program/contents/en_application.html

Where to Look for Additional Funding Sources

Go Overseas Scholarships: a scholarship and funding resource/database

<https://www.gooverseas.com/scholarships>

Mignone Center for Career Success (MCS) Summer Funding Advising:

Information on Harvard-funded summer experiences and funded internships outside the US

<https://careerservices.fas.harvard.edu/channels/find-apply-for-funding/>

Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships Travel and International Opportunities: Browse the URAF database at <https://uraf.harvard.edu/find-opportunities/browse-uraf-opp>s

Visit us at: eas.fas.harvard.edu/study-abroad