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**Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Grants to Individuals
in
East and Southeast Asian Archaeology and Early History**

Deadline: November 13, 2009

Instructions for Applicants from the United States and Canada – 2009-10

The American Council of Learned Societies is pleased to announce the fifth annual competition for grants to individuals in the archaeology and early history of East and Southeast Asia. This program is undertaken in cooperation with the Henry Luce Foundation.

ACLS grants to individuals are part of the comprehensive Luce Initiative on East and Southeast Asian Archaeology and Early History, which also includes a competition for invited institutions—universities and museums—administered by the Luce Foundation’s Asia Program. Information regarding grants to institutions is available on the Luce Foundation’s website, at www.hluce.org, under the Asia Program section.

Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS grants to individuals seek to

- promote research, including the interpretation and analysis of sites, artifacts, and texts;
- train the next generation of specialists;
- foster cooperation among specialists in East and Southeast Asia, and in the United States and Canada; and
- bring to wide public appreciation the results of recent discoveries and research.

Research fellowships and training grants will be awarded for study of the peoples and cultures of early East and Southeast Asia. Comparative projects and those that build scholarly networks are especially encouraged. Proposals may cover prehistoric or historical periods, but must focus on research or training that involves excavations and/or excavated materials.

For the purposes of this program, "East and Southeast Asia" refers to Brunei, Burma/Myanmar, Cambodia, China, East Timor, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Eligibility

Applicants must be residents of the United States or Canada and have their primary professional affiliation at an institution in this region. U.S./Canadian citizenship or permanent residency is NOT required. Applicants must hold an advanced degree in a relevant discipline such as archaeology, anthropology, art history, literature, or history; must be nearing completion of such a degree; or must possess commensurate experience in scholarship, archives, museums, or field sites. Applicants must demonstrate linguistic ability sufficient to conduct the work proposed.

Definitions

- Each application, whether in “archaeology” or “early history,” must be based on excavations or excavated materials.

- For the purposes of this program, “archaeology” is defined as work examining the relationship between human society and material culture in any period and “early history” as research on the record of a given society’s formative period(s).
- Applications dealing with the recent past are eligible, but *only if* they are based on excavated materials. However, applicants who propose excavations (and the technical analysis of their finds) – from whatever period – *must also* propose to discuss their significance for human interactions.

Applicants should state clearly in their application essays how the work or training they propose fits these broad guidelines.

Terms

Award amounts, which are intended to cover research costs and living expenses, will vary by grant category and length of grant period. A travel allowance will also be provided for travel to East or Southeast Asia. ACLS will assist individual grantees, as appropriate, in obtaining air tickets, visas, and health insurance, and will pay any institutional fees required for affiliation or residence. The remainder of the award will be paid directly to the grantee.

Grant Categories

Applicants should indicate on the application form the type of grant for which they wish to apply, and should address the specific objectives and circumstances of that grant category in the required application essay.

- 1. Dissertation fellowships** will be awarded to graduate students at U.S. or Canadian institutions for research in East or Southeast Asia or, if research is complete, for writing the dissertation in North America. Funds will be available only for a full academic year.
Award: up to \$28,000 for 10 months plus travel allowance.
- 2. Postdoctoral fellowships** will be awarded to scholars holding the Ph.D. degree for the purpose of research and/or writing. Funds will be available for ten months (minimum: five months), to be used either in East or Southeast Asia, or in the United States or Canada. Priority will be given to scholars early in their careers.
Award: up to \$32,000 for 10 months (amount reduced pro-rata for shorter tenure) plus travel allowance.
- 3. Translation grants** will be awarded to scholars (including Ph.D. candidates) for translation from an East or Southeast Asian language into English of scholarly works of significant value to the field that fill critical gaps in the existing literature. Applicants should provide evidence of formal training or practical experience in translation. Proposed plans of work should include residence at an institution at which the translator can consult with the author of the original text or with a specialist in the field who works primarily in the original text’s language. Funds will be available for a minimum residence of one academic semester.
Award: up to \$20,000 for six months (amount reduced pro-rata for shorter tenure) plus travel allowance.

Selection Criteria

The selection committee will judge proposals on their intrinsic intellectual merit, the clarity and cogency with which they are presented, and the significance of their contribution to the field of East or Southeast Asian archaeology and early history. Especially encouraged are applications for projects and training that stimulate and enable international communication among scholars. Applications will be stronger if their workplans include mentoring and collaboration.

Project Report

A brief report of one or two pages describing work accomplished during the grant period will be due at ACLS six months after the project end date. The report may be sent via email to fellowships@acsls.org.

Grant Periods and Deadlines

Applicants for postdoctoral fellowships and translation grants may propose work for a specific period that begins at any time from June 1, 2010 to February 1, 2011. Dissertation Fellowships are for the 2010-2011 academic year only. Awards will be announced in April 2010.

Fully completed applications must be received by *November 13, 2009*.

Applications should be sent to:

**Grants for East and Southeast Asian Archaeology and Early History
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633 Third Avenue, 8th floor
New York, NY 10017-6795, USA**

Applications must arrive by mail or courier service. Applications will not be accepted by fax or email. *Applicants should send an email to fellowships@acsls.org on the day they send their application materials to ACLS. Each applicant will receive email confirmation when their application is received at ACLS in New York.*

Please print your application on one side of the paper. Do not staple! Do not submit materials that are not required.

The following materials should be submitted in this order:

1. **Application form.**
2. **Two-page Curriculum Vitae** with principal publications.
3. **Application essay** (maximum five pages, double-spaced, 12 pt. type). Describe the collaborative dimension of the project, within East/Southeast Asia or North America and/or across regions.
4. **Project bibliography** – no more than two pages.
5. If relevant, please attach **letters of invitation** from the institution at which you will work or study, and/or from a colleague who will be your main partner in the research you propose.
6. In the case of translation grants, please state the prospects for publication of your translation and any copyright issues involved.

General inquiries about the competition should be sent via email to the ACLS office in New York at fellowships@acsls.org. Information about submitting applications is also available from ACLS offices in Beijing at atai@cscprc.org and Hanoi at edex@ceevn.org.

Printed versions of application forms are available by written request from ACLS in New York or from ACLS offices in Hanoi and Beijing.

Hanoi Office

Attn.: Grants for East and Southeast Asian
Archaeology and Early History
Center for Educational Exchange with Vietnam
CEEVN, ACLS
Nha so 5, Ngo 2
Pho Giang Van Minh
Ha Noi, Viet Nam
Tel: 84 4 723 6825 / 723 6826
Fax: 84 4 723 6827
Email: edex@ceevn.org

Beijing Office

Attn.: Arthur Tai
Committee on Scholarly
Communication with China
City Plaza Office Tower, Suite 16H
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Tel: 86 10 6556-6322
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Please check the program for which you are applying:

Dissertation Fellowship	Postdoctoral Fellowship	Translation Grant

Salutation Mr. Ms. Dr. Professor

Surname (in capital letters) _____

Given name _____ Middle name/initial _____

I. Contact Information

Email _____

Office address _____

City _____

State _____ Postal code _____

Country _____

Telephone _____ - _____ - _____, ext. _____ Fax _____ - _____ - _____

Home address _____

City _____

State _____ Postal code _____

Country _____

Telephone _____ - _____ - _____ Fax _____ - _____ - _____

Preferred mailing address Office Home

II. Current Professional Activity

Title/rank _____

Department _____

Institution _____

Field of specialization

Discipline _____

Historical period _____

Geographical area _____

How long at this position? _____

III. Education

B.A./B.S. received from _____

B.A./BS major discipline _____

Date (mm/yyyy) _____

M.A. received from _____

M.A. major discipline _____

Date (mm/yyyy) _____

Ph.D. received from _____

Ph.D. major discipline _____

Date (mm/yyyy) _____

Or

Date of expected completion (mm/yyyy) _____

Title of Ph.D. dissertation _____

List any additional degrees _____

IV. Language Proficiency

List up to five foreign languages you can use indicating proficiency in reading, speaking, and writing (use E=Excellent, G=Good, F=Fair).

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

V. Project Information

Descriptive title of proposed research project or training

Dates of proposed research project or training to be supported by a Luce/ACLS award:

Start Date: _____ *End date:* _____

Where do you plan to do the proposed work? If relevant, please name the institution where you will work and the colleagues with whom you will collaborate (add an extra page if necessary) _____

Brief summary of proposal (limited to space provided, 12 pt. type)

List any countries (*one per line*) in which you have done research in the last 5 years.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Choose up to 3 fields from the attached Code Sheet that best describe your research interests. (*Please place your most important selections first, the others in descending order of importance. Please enter BOTH the code number and the corresponding text. This information is for statistical purposes.*)

Code#	Text Description
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

Administrative experience/service to the field

VII. References

Each application requires two letters of reference. Do not submit more than two.

Reference #1

First and Middle Name _____
Last name _____
Title _____
Department _____
Institution _____

Reference #2

First and Middle Name _____
Last name _____
Title _____
Department _____
Institution _____

VIII. Language Evaluation

Submit one language evaluation from a person qualified to assess the applicant's language ability.

First and Middle Name _____
Last name _____
Title _____
Department _____
Institution _____

IX. Institutional Letters of Invitation

The applicant should contact the institution at which study or research is proposed and submit copies of relevant correspondence, as this will strengthen the application. These letters can be included with the application or mailed at a later date.

Name of Host Institution _____

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

IX. Administrative Information

This information is REQUIRED (except as noted). It is for administrative purposes only and will not be distributed as part of the selection process.

Social Security Number _____

Current salary (*for postdoctoral applicants only*). Do not add benefits or summer salary.

\$ _____

What is your country of citizenship? _____

If NOT United States, do you hold U.S. Permanent Resident status? _____

If NOT, what is your visa status? _____

The following questions are optional and will be used for statistical purposes only.

Date of birth (*mm/dd/yyyy*) ____/____/____ Gender _____

- With which group(s) do you most identify?
- _____ White (not of Hispanic origin)
 - _____ Black (not of Hispanic origin)
 - _____ Hispanic or Latino
 - _____ American Indian or Alaskan Native
 - _____ Asian
 - _____ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 - _____ Other _____

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GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS – 2009-10

Applicant's name

Respondent's name

Title _____ Department

Institution

Respondent's Signature _____ Date _____

TO THE RESPONDENT: Please mail your comments directly to the ACLS. The application deadline for this program is November 13, 2009; the Confidential Reference must be received by December 1, 2009.

Please comment on the applicant as a scholar and professional and on the specific proposal to ACLS: evaluate the scholar's ability to conduct and complete the project proposed, as well as the importance of this project within the general and specific field(s) to which it relates. State how long and in what context(s) you have known the applicant.

Please sign and date your comments and include your title and institution. If you do not wish to use this form, you may use your letterhead or plain bond paper. Make sure, however, that the top line of your response indicates the candidate's name, and the ACLS program (Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Grants in East and Southeast Asian Archaeology and Early History). **Please do not send your comments by fax or by email.**



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Applicant's name _____

LANGUAGE COMPETENCE EVALUATION: Grants for Individuals – 2009-10
Please return this form to the address above so that it is received no later than December 1, 2009.

Name, address, and title of Language Evaluator: _____

Language evaluated: _____

Applicant's planned use of the language: _____

Basis of evaluation

___ Class observation (Length of time _____) ___ Special examination (___ Oral; ___ Written)

Check the statement that best describes applicant's degree of competence in each category:

Comprehension

- ___ No usable proficiency
- ___ Adequate comprehension for normal daily needs
- ___ Able to comprehend answers to questions in field of specialization
- ___ Able to understand lectures in fields of specialization
- ___ Able to understand group discussions on non-technical subjects
- ___ Able to understand foreign language news broadcasts
- ___ Has comprehension of native speaker

Reading

- ___ No usable proficiency
- ___ Able to read typed or printed material of a non-specialized nature
- ___ Able to read elementary text in own and related field, though with some reliance on dictionary
- ___ Able to read any material in own and related fields
- ___ Reading ability of educated native speaker

Speaking/Lecturing

- ___ No usable proficiency
- ___ Able to speak adequately for normal daily needs
- ___ Able to conduct interviews in field of specialization
- ___ Able to lecture from notes or prepared texts
- ___ Able to lecture from notes or prepared texts in field of specialization, and engage in discussion without assistance
- ___ Able to speak extemporaneously in area of specialization; able to discuss field of specialization with foreign colleagues
- ___ Speaking ability equivalent to that of educated native speaker

Writing

- ___ No practical facility
- ___ Able to write simple messages or non-specialized letters
- ___ Able to draft academic materials in field of specialization, with major editing by native speaker
- ___ Able to prepare written material in field of specialization with minimal editing by native speaker
- ___ Writing ability of educated native speaker

Does the applicant have sufficient language competence to carry out the proposed program?

- | | | | | | |
|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Aural Competence | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> not required | Reading Competence | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> not required |
| Speaking Competence | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> not required | Writing Competence | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> not required |



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**CODE SHEET
2009-10 Competition**

Code List

F100	Anthropology	F712	Regional Studies
F200	Archaeology	F713	Renaissance Studies
F300	Arts, History & Criticism, General	F714	Rural Studies
F301	Architecture, History & Criticism	F715	Urban Studies
F302	Art, History and Criticism	F716	Western Civilization
F303	Dance, History and Criticism	F900	Law/Jurisprudence
F304	Film, History and Criticism	G100	Linguistics
F305	Music, History and Criticism	G200	Literature, General
F306	Theater, History and Criticism	G201	African
F400	Communications, General	G202	American
F401	Composition and Rhetoric	G203	Ancient
F402	Journalism	G204	Asian
F403	Media	G205	British
F500	Ethnic Studies, General	G206	Classical
F501	Asian American	G207	Comparative
F502	Black/Afro-American	G208	French
F503	Hispanic American	G209	German
F504	Jewish	G215	Italian
F505	Native American	G210	Latin American
F600	History, General	G211	Literary Criticism
F601	African	G216	Literary Theory
F602	Ancient	G212	Near/Middle Eastern
F603	British	G217	Scandinavian
F604	Classical	G213	Slavic
F605	European	G214	Spanish/Portuguese
F606	Far Eastern	G300	Philosophy, General
F607	Latin American	G301	Aesthetics
F608	Near & Middle Eastern	G302	Epistemology
F609	Russian/Soviet Union	G303	Ethics
F610	South Asian	G304	History of Philosophy
F611	United States	G305	Logic
F700	Interdisciplinary Studies, General	G306	Metaphysics
F701	African Studies	G307	Non-Western Philosophy
F702	American Studies	G400	Religion, General
F703	Area Studies	G401	Comparative Religion
F704	Asian Studies	G402	History of Religion
F705	Classics	G403	Non-Western Religion
F718	Culture Studies	G404	Philosophy of Religion
F706	Folklore/Folklife	G500	Social Science
F717	Gender Studies	G501	American Government
F707	History/Philosophy of Science, Technology or Medicine	G502	Economics
F708	International Studies	G503	Geography
F709	Labor Studies	G504	International Relations
F710	Latin American Studies	G505	Political Science
F711	Medieval Studies	G506	Psychology
		G507	Sociology