



EAST ASIAN STUDIES

An interdisciplinary concentration
in the humanities and social sciences

FUNDING YOUR TRAVEL TO EAST ASIA

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Winter Funding

Asia Center Group Travel Grants for Students: For students participating in group trips to Southeast Asia for research and/or service during winter or summer. Trips must include a significant educational component for participants.

Deadline: Contact Julie Story (jstory@fas.harvard.edu) with questions.

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

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: Usually early February

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

Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies Student Organization Grants: to support student organizations planning programs or academic events that engage Harvard students in learning about Greater China. Proposals from student organizations planning educational activities in Taiwan will also be considered.

Deadline: Rolling

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

Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies Taiwan Travel Grants for

Summer/Winter or Gap Year: for travel to Taiwan to undertake a project, unpaid internship, or program that supports learning objectives. Intended to support non-credit experiential opportunities for students whose primary residence is not in Taiwan.

Deadlines:

Winter Travel: usually late October

Summer Travel: usually mid-March

Fall or Gap Year Travel: usually mid-April

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

Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies Winter Term Grants: to assist undergraduate students with financial need to undertake academic work in Chinese studies during Winter session, December-January. Proposed travel must be for a minimum of two weeks. The proposed research must be essential for a thesis project and endorsed by a faculty thesis advisor.

Deadline: Usually late October

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

Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies (RIJS) Henry Rosovsky

Undergraduate Summer Research Grant: for research/fieldwork for senior theses in Japan studies. Minimum two years Japanese language study or comparable proficiency. For exceptionally strong projects, more limited language background considered. *Winter projects considered with strong proposal & faculty backing.*

Deadline: Usually mid-February

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

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Kenneth I. Juster

Fellowships for Undergraduate Research and Travel: Supports undergrad field research/field experience in 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: Usually late October

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

Summer Funding

Asia Center Undergraduate Summer Language Grant: These grants are for Harvard undergraduates for study of a Southeast Asian language during the summer. Priority will be given to students currently enrolled in a Harvard Southeast Asian language course. Applicants are encouraged to seek support from other sources, which may be combined with Asia Center funds.

Deadline: Usually mid-February

<https://asiacenter.harvard.edu/asia-center-undergraduate-summer-language-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: Usually mid-February

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

Boren Scholarships (external): 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: Usually late January

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

Critical Language Scholarships (external): provide full funding for intensive instruction in languages critical to national security.

Deadline: Usually mid-November

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

David Rockefeller International Experience Grant: Intended 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 Student Organization Grants: to support student organizations planning programs or academic events that engage Harvard students in learning about Greater China. Proposals from student organizations planning educational activities in Taiwan will also be considered.

Deadline: Rolling

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

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: Usually early February

<https://fairbank.fas.harvard.edu/grants/#undergraduates>

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

Deadline: usually mid-February

<https://fairbank.fas.harvard.edu/grants/#undergraduates>

Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies Taiwan Travel Grants for

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Deadlines:

Winter Travel: usually late October

Summer Travel: usually mid-March

Fall or Gap Year Travel: usually mid-April

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

Freeman-ASIA Awards (external): 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

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

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

Deadline: Varies

<https://fundforeducationabroad.org/>

Gilman Scholarships (external): 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: Usually early October

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

Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (external): Supports learning Mandarin in Taiwan for 2 months to 1 year. Administered by the Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office in Boston.

Deadline: Usually late March

<https://depart.moe.edu.tw/BOS/cp.aspx?n=E326286EE62D4EC7&s=0BF4FC6716DCA978>

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: usually mid-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: usually mid-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: Usually 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: Usually mid-to-late 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 either virtual or in-person internships. Students may submit only one funding application for EITHER: independent, self-arranged internship or research assistantship where student makes arrangements directly with supervisor at organization based outside the U.S.; OR internship arranged by third-party internship where the student pays a program fee to participate.

Deadline: Usually 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 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: Usually early-to-mid January

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

RIJS Japan Summer Science Undergraduate Research Program: 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: Usually early-to-mid January

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

RIJS Undergraduate Summer Japanese Language Study Grant: Competitive grants for Harvard undergrads 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. Preference given to students whose concentrations require or give credit for language study, or who plan a senior thesis project making use of Japanese language.

Deadline: usually early-to-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. *Winter travel proposals will also be considered for students seeking to conduct thesis research who have a strong proposal and faculty backing.*

Deadline: Usually early-to-mid-February

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

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Deadline: Usually late October

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

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: Usually mid-February

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

Term Time Funding

AATJ Study Abroad Bridging Scholarship (external): scholarships for American undergrad students participating in programs in Japan for a semester or academic year.

Deadline: March 15 annually

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

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Fund for Education Abroad (external): provides scholarships to students underrepresented among the U.S. study abroad population.

Deadline: Usually late September

<https://fundforeducationabroad.org/>

Freeman-ASIA Awards (external): provides need-based funding to assist the recipient with the cost of the study abroad program (summer, term-time, or full year) and related expenses, including airfare, basic living costs, local transportation, books, etc.

Deadline: TBD

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

Gilman Scholarships (external): support Federal Pell Grant recipients pursuing credit-bearing study abroad opportunities preferably in non-traditional locations.

Deadline: Usually early October

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

Japanese Government MEXT Scholarship (external): 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: Usually late October

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

Post-Graduation Travel Funding

Blakemore Freeman Language Fellowships (external): 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 annually

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

Blakemore Kingfisher Art History Language Fellowships (external): 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 annually

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

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

Deadline: Varies

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

Mitsubishi UFJ Trust Scholarship (external): 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: TBD

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

Taiwan Scholarship Program (external): established by the Ministry of Education (MOE), Republic of China (Taiwan) to encourage outstanding international students (must be US citizens and residents or students of ME, MA, NH, RI, or VT) to undertake graduate degree studies in Taiwan. Application and selection conducted by the Education Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston (TECO-Boston).

Deadline: Usually late March

<https://depart.moe.edu.tw/BOS/Default.aspx>

Where to Look for Additional Funding Sources

Go Overseas Scholarships (external): 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-opps>

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