

BLAKEMORE FOUNDATION

Blakemore Freeman Fellowships for Advanced Asian Language Study

Blakemore Freeman grants are awarded to individuals pursuing professional, academic, or business careers that involve the regular use of an East or Southeast Asian language. The grants fund a year of advanced language study at an institution in Asia such as the Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies in Yokohama, the Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies at Tsinghua University in Beijing, the International Chinese Language Program at National Taiwan University in Taipei, or similar structured programs in Asia. Where there is no structured advanced-level language program at an educational institution in the country, the grant may provide for the financing of private tutorials under terms set forth in the application instructions.

The grants cover tuition and a stipend for related educational expenses, basic living costs and transportation, but do not include dependent expenses.

For application forms and further information see
<http://www.blakemorefoundation.org>

Eligibility

An applicant should:

- be pursuing an academic, professional or business career that involves the regular use of a modern Asian language
- have a college undergraduate degree
- be at or near an advanced level in the language as defined in the Grant Guidelines
- be able to devote oneself exclusively to the language study during the term of the grant; grants are not intended for part-time study or research
- be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States

Selection Criteria

Grants are highly competitive. Last year we were able to offer funding to less than 6% of applicants.

Applicants will be judged on having:

- a focused, well-defined career objective involving Asia in which use of the language is an important aspect
- the potential to make a significant contribution to a field of study or area of professional or business activity in an Asian country
- prior experience in the country or involvement or participation in activities related to the country
- good academic, professional or business background, appropriate to the career program

Deadline for Applications

- Postmarked by December 30, 2009

Grants Awarded

- Late March/early April 2010

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