

Application for Blakemore Freeman Fellowship for Advanced Asian Language Study or Blakemore Refresher Grant

Name	Birthdate
Primary Email Address	
Alternate Email Address	
Telephone	
Mailing Address	

Your Citizenship Status

•	I am a U.S. citizen
•	I am an Alien with U.S. Permanent Resident Status/Alien Registration No. _____

If awarded a Blakemore Freeman Fellowship or Blakemore Refresher Grant, I plan to use the grant for language study at the following language program in East or Southeast Asia:

Language	Dates of study
Language Program (See instructions for list of approved programs)	
Date that your application was or will be submitted to language program listed above	

(It is the applicant's personal responsibility to apply to the language program by its published deadline.)

Principal Academic or Professional Honors

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Previous study of the language for which I am applying:

Highest Level Completed (example: 4th Year Chinese)	
Study abroad or other programs attended	

Colleges or Universities Attended *Please enclose with your application or send under separate cover official transcripts in original sealed envelopes from all institutions at which you have studied for more than one year.*

Institution	Major	Degree & Date (received or expected)

Recommendation Letters Please enclose recommendation letters in sealed unopened envelopes with your application or have letters sent directly to the Foundation by the recommenders by mail, fax (206-359-9778) or email (blakemorefoundation@gmail.com).

Name of Recommender #1	
Title/Position	
University or Organization	
Address	
City/State/Zip Code	
Email	
Telephone	
Name of Recommender #2	
Title/Position	
University or Organization	
Address	
City/State/Zip Code	
Email	
Telephone	

Application Agreement

I have read the Foundation's Eligibility Requirements, Selection Criteria and Grant Guidelines as published on the Blakemore Foundation's website at <http://www.blakemorefoundation.org>. I believe that I qualify for a Blakemore Freeman Fellowship based on this information. I confirm that I am not related to any of the current members of the Blakemore Foundation Board of Managers as of the date of this application.

I authorize the language program listed above to release information on my admittance status and results of any written or oral tests conducted as part of the program's application process directly to the Foundation.

Date _____

Signature _____

Application Deadline: Postmarked by December 30, 2011

Send all materials to:

Mr. Griffith Way, Trustee
 Blakemore Foundation
 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 4800
 Seattle, Washington 98101-3266

www.blakemorefoundation.org
 Phone: (206) 359-8778
 Fax: (206) 359-9778

blakemorefoundation@gmail.com or blakemore@perkinscoie.com

Study for grant must start between June 2012 and May 2013. No deferrals will be permitted.

All grants are awarded contingent upon the applicant's unconditional acceptance by the language program. "Unconditional acceptance" means that the applicant must not be required to complete a summer program as a prerequisite to academic year admission.

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Approved Language Programs

- The Blakemore Foundation awards grants for study only at specific language programs as noted below.
- Only one language program may be listed on the application.
- Applicants for Blakemore language grants must apply both to the language program involved and to the Blakemore Foundation. Each language program has its own separate application due dates and forms, which may be found on the program's website.
- For Japanese, we fund study at the Inter-University Program for Japanese Language Studies in Yokohama, Japan (<http://www.stanford.edu/dept/IUC/>). We do not fund Japanese language study at any other institution.
- For Chinese, we fund study at the Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies, located on the Tsinghua University campus in Beijing, China (<http://ieas.berkeley.edu/iup/>) and at the International Chinese Language Program at National Taiwan University in Taipei, Taiwan (<http://iclp.ntu.edu.tw/>). We do not fund Chinese language study at any other institution.
- For Korean, we recommend study at Seoul National University (<http://lei.snu.ac.kr/site/en/klec/main/main.jsp>), Yonsei University (<http://www.yskli.com/index.asp>) or Sogang University (<http://klec.sogang.ac.kr/>). We will consider study at other Korean language programs on a case-by-case basis during the application review process.
- Approval of language programs for study of languages of SE Asia will be considered on an individual basis during the application review process.

Materials to Be Submitted for Blakemore Freeman Fellowship Application

- Completed application form
- Essay (three to four pages in length, double-spaced) discussing:
 - Applicant's academic, professional or business background
 - Prior study and use of the language and involvement with the Asian country
 - Career objectives and how the language will be used to achieve them
- Two recent letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with applicant's academic, professional or business experience.
- Official college and university transcripts from all institutions at which applicant has studied for more than one year.
- If applicant has **not** completed 3 academic years of study of the language at the college level, submit the Foreign Language Reference Form, completed by a language instructor or other similar qualified individual able to evaluate the applicant's language competency. Otherwise, do not submit the form.
- Applicants for programs involving tutorials should submit the following additional information with their application:
 - Information on the proposed language program
 - Information regarding the proposed tutors' professional qualifications
 - Budget for estimated tutoring expenses
 - The applicant's proposed affiliation during the grant period with a recognized educational institution in the Asian country

Materials to Be Submitted for Blakemore Refresher Grant Application (former Blakemore Freeman Fellows – see separate instructions below)

- Completed application form
- Essay (three to four pages in length, double-spaced) discussing:
 - Applicant's academic, professional or business background
 - Prior study and use of the language and involvement with the Asian country
 - Career objectives and how the language will be used to achieve them
- One recent letter of recommendation from individual familiar with applicant's academic, professional or business experience.
- Curriculum vitae
- Latest official college transcript (applicable only to those who have not yet received their doctorate)
- Applicants for programs involving tutorials should submit the following additional information with their application:
 - Information on the proposed tutorial program
 - Information regarding the proposed tutors' professional qualifications
 - Budget for estimated tutoring expenses
 - The applicant's proposed affiliation during the grant period with a recognized educational institution in the Asian country

Materials to Be Submitted by former Blakemore Freeman Fellows for Blakemore Refresher Grant Application

- Completed application form
- Essay (two to three pages in length, double-spaced) discussing:
 - Reasons for requesting additional language study
 - Use of the language since last receiving a Blakemore grant.
- Curriculum vitae
- Applicants for programs involving tutorials should submit the following additional information with their application:
 - Applicant's proposed affiliation during the grant period with a recognized educational institution in the Asian country

Application Timeline

- December 30 – Postmark deadline for applications
- February - Applications reviewed by Foundation
- March - Finalists and alternates notified and interviewed
- Late March/early April - Grantees selected and notified of grants

Additional Information Concerning Application Materials

- Letters of Recommendation
 - No special forms are used. A letter printed on a recommender's professional letterhead is preferred.
 - Letters of recommendation discussing applicant's overall abilities, to the extent known by the recommender, are preferred to those which are limited to evaluating an applicant's language skills.
 - Letters of recommendation may be included with application in sealed unopened envelopes or may be sent directly to the Foundation by the recommenders by mail, fax or email.
 - Recommendations sent under separate cover should be addressed to: Mr. Griffith Way, Trustee, Blakemore Foundation, 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 4800, Seattle, Washington 98101-3266. Letters sent directly by the recommenders may also be faxed to (206) 359-9778 or emailed to blakemorefoundation@gmail.com.
- Foreign Language Reference Form
 - This form is submitted ONLY if the applicant has not completed 3 years of study of the language at the college level. It should be completed by a language instructor or other individual competent to assess applicant's language abilities.
- Transcripts
 - Official transcripts may either be included with application or sent under separate cover, but must be in sealed envelopes from issuing institution.

- Photocopies of transcripts from institutions located outside the United States will be accepted if official transcripts are not readily obtainable.
- Transcripts are required only from universities at which the applicant has studied for more than one year.
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
 - We recommend a curriculum vitae or resume be included with an application for a Blakemore Freeman Fellowship, but it is not required. A curriculum vitae or resume is required for an application for a Blakemore Refresher Grant.

Mailing Instructions

- Application materials should be carefully addressed, using the complete mailing address of the Foundation. In previous years materials have been delayed or even returned to the sender by the U.S. Postal Service due to a missing suite number or incorrect zip code.
- Application materials should be addressed to:
 - The Blakemore Foundation
 - Mr. Griffith Way, Trustee
 - 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 4800
 - Seattle, Washington 98101-3266

Application Deadline

- Applications must be postmarked by December 30.
- An application received after December 30 must show proof of mailing by the deadline consisting of one of the following:
 - A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark;
 - A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service;
 - A dated shipping label, invoice or receipt from a commercial carrier (Federal Express, United Parcel Service, etc.)
 - If December 30 falls on a Sunday or other postal holiday in the United States, then applications may be postmarked the next business day.
 - We recommend that applications sent from overseas be shipped well before December 30 or be sent by express delivery in order to ensure that the application is received in a timely manner.

For further information, please contact:

Griffith Way, Trustee or Cathy Scheibner, Administrative Assistant
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FOREIGN LANGUAGE REFERENCE FORM

Submit only if applicant has not completed 3 academic years of study of the language at college level.

Name of Individual Applicant	Language

INSTRUCTIONS: *Please check the applicant's present language ability in relation to each of the following categories:*

SPEAKING AND LISTENING (Please check one)

	Unable to function in the spoken language
	Able to satisfy basic social needs and maintain very simple conversation in familiar topics
	Able to satisfy routine social demands and limited work requirements
	Able to participate effectively in most formal and informal conversations on practical and social topics and on professional topics in restricted contexts
	Able to use the language fluently and accurately on all levels pertinent to professional needs
	Use of language is functionally equivalent to a well-educated native speaker

READING (Please check one)

	No practical ability to read the language
	Sufficient comprehension to read very simple connected written material in a form equivalent to usual printing or typescript
	Sufficient comprehension to read simple, authentic texts on subjects within a familiar context
	Able to read within a normal range of speed and with almost complete comprehension a variety of authentic prose material on unfamiliar subjects, as well as technical material
	Able to read fluently and accurately all styles and forms of the language pertinent to professional needs, including all materials in one's special field
	Reading proficiency is functionally equivalent to a well-educated native speaker

Please indicate briefly how the evaluation was determined (e.g., 2 years of coursework, a test, etc.)

Name of Evaluator	Signature	Date

Evaluator's Institution	Position or Title