

Application: 2020 Blakemore Freeman Fellowship for Advanced Asian Language Study)

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must:

- Be pursuing a professional, business, technical or academic career that involves the regular use of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Khmer or Burmese.
- By the start of the grant, have (at minimum) a college undergraduate degree.
- Be at or near an advanced level in the language. By the start of the grant, applicants must have completed (at minimum) the equivalent of the third year of languages classes at the college level, either through classes taken in the U.S. or through a combination of study at the college level in the U.S. and intensive language study abroad.
- Be able to devote oneself exclusively to full-time intensive language study during the term of the grant; grants are not made for part-time study or research.
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

General Information

First Name:

Middle Initial:

Last Name:

Date of Birth:

Primary Email Address:

Alternate Email Address:

Phone Number (please include a country code if not a U.S. phone number):

Citizen Status (check one):

_____ U.S. Citizen _____ Alien with U.S. Permanent Resident Status Registration No. _____

Mailing Address in U.S. (not required)

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Language Program and Education Background

- Grant study will normally start in fall 2020, but may start between June 2020 and May 2021, limited by the start dates of school terms at the language program involved.
- Grants are awarded for one academic year of study (2 semesters or 3 quarters). We do not fund study for less than one academic year.
- No grant may start after May 2021.
- All grants are awarded contingent upon your acceptance by the language program.
- It is your personal responsibility to apply to the language program by its published deadline.

Language:

Institution / Program:

Approximate date that your application was or will be submitted to language program listed above:

Previous Study of the Language

Highest Level Completed (example: 4th Year Chinese):

Will you have completed the equivalent of 3rd year language classes (300 level) at the college level by the time this fellowship would start? (Yes or No)

If no, you will be required to submit proof that your language level is equivalent to having completed third year at the college level. Please contact Cathy Scheibner at the Blakemore Foundation at ContactUs@blakemorefoundation.org to discuss your situation.

Resume and Principal Academic or Professional Honors

Please list your principal academic or professional honors:

Resume or C.V.

Please email your curriculum vitae or resume in pdf format to ContactUs@blakemorefoundation.org along with this application form.

Colleges or Universities Attended

- Please list below all institutions from which you received a degree, or are currently attending.
- Then request official transcripts from these institutions and have them sent to us promptly (except as noted below).
- Official electronic transcripts should be sent directly by the issuing institution's transcript delivery service to ContactUs@blakemorefoundation.org. If official electronic transcripts are not available, official paper transcripts in sealed, original, unopened envelopes may be mailed by the issuing institution to the Blakemore Foundation, 801 Second Avenue, Suite 800, Seattle, Washington 98104.
- Photocopies of transcripts from institutions located outside the United States will be accepted if official transcripts are not readily obtainable.

Q: This is my first semester at XX University, where I am pursuing a master's degree. Do I need to send you an official transcript?

A: No, you are not required to submit a transcript from this institution, since this is your first term at this institution and you will not have any grades available by our deadline.

Q: Should I wait for fall 2019 grades to be posted before having my transcript sent?

A: No request your transcript beforehand - transcript offices are often closed over the winter holidays.

Do not enter study-abroad information below (unless you received your degree at a foreign institution) or technical certifications.

Name of Institution for Bachelor's Degree:

Major:

Year BA or Equivalent Received or Expected to be Received:

Did you receive or expect to receive other degree(s)? Please list them below.

Name of Institution:

Major:

Degree:

Year Degree Received or Expected:

Name of Institution:

Major:

Degree:

Year Degree Received or Expected:

Name of Institution:

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Degree:

Year Degree Received or Expected

Essay

Please email an essay along with this application form to ContactUs@blakemorefoundation.org, three to four pages in length, double-spaced, discussing:

- Your 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

In your essay, please tell us about yourself, your career goals, and how you became interested in this language and Asian country. Your professional and academic interests are important, but we also want to get to know you as a person.

Names of Recommenders

Please list below the names and contact information for the two individuals you will be asking to submit recommendations. Please instruct each individual to email a recommendation to ContactUs@blakemorefoundation.org or to mail a letter to us at our office address. Letters must be received by us no later than January 10, 2020.

Name of Recommender #1:

Title of Recommender #1:

University or Company Name:

Department:

Email Address of Recommender #1:

Name of Recommender #2:

Title of Recommender #2:

University or Company Name:

Department

Email Address of Recommender #2

Signature and Assurances

_____ **Date:** _____

Applicant Signature

- If you need to review the Blakemore Foundation grant guidelines, please check the information posted our website.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to apply to the language program I have chosen.
- I acknowledge that I am responsible for ordering transcripts to be sent to the Blakemore Foundation.
- I agree that I am responsible for requesting letters of recommendation on my own behalf and following up with my recommenders as necessary. The Blakemore Foundation will not attempt to pursue delinquent or negligent recommenders for me.
- I authorize the language program listed above in this application 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.
- 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:

Paul Atkins
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Where did you hear about our Fellowships? (check all that apply):

Professor/Teacher: _____ Blakemore Freeman Fellow or Alumni: _____
University/College: _____ IUP/IUC/ICLP Language Programs: _____
Website: _____