

# Application: 2021 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 third year of college-level language classes, either through study in the U.S. or college classes in combination with 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. \_\_\_\_\_

## Contact Address

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Country:

## Language Program and Education Background

- Grant study will normally start in fall 2020 but may start between August 2021 and May 2022, 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 2022.
- 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:

(please refer to list of approved language programs listed in the Grant Guidelines posted on our website)

Anticipated Start of Grant:

### Examples of Start Dates

IUC-Yokohama - Fall 2021

IUP-Tsinghua - Fall 2021 or Spring 2022

ICLP-Taiwan - Fall 2021, Winter 2021 or Spring 2022

Seoul National - Fall 2021, Winter 2021 or Spring 2022

Study with tutors in Myanmar - Any date between August 2021 and May 2022

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):

By the time this fellowship would start, will you have completed the third year of college-level language classes, either through study in the U.S. or college classes in combination with intensive language study abroad? (Yes or No)

If no, you do not meet the minimum years of formal study of the language and 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](mailto:ContactUs@blakemorefoundation.org) to discuss your situation.

List all study-abroad language programs and summer intensive language programs attended for the language you wish to study, including dates attended.

Program Name	Location	Dates Attended

Please have an official transcript with grades from each language program listed above sent to us by that school/program. (examples: SEASSI, Middlebury Summer Language School, Princeton-in-Beijing, Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies, etc.)

- Official electronic transcripts should be sent directly by the issuing institution’s transcript delivery service to [ContactUs@blakemorefoundation.org](mailto: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 or scans of transcripts from institutions located outside the United States will be accepted if official transcripts are not readily obtainable. In this situation, you may email them to [ContactUs@blakemorefoundation.org](mailto:ContactUs@blakemorefoundation.org) or mail them to our address listed above.

Please list all college-level classes taken for this language, including course titles, dates and locations of study.

Course Title	Date	Location of Study

## **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](mailto:ContactUs@blakemorefoundation.org) along with this application form.

## **Colleges or Universities Attended**

Please list below all institutions from which you received a degree and if you are still in school, 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](mailto: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.
- If this is your first quarter/semester at an institution, no transcript from that college is required.
- Photocopies of transcripts from institutions located outside the United States will be accepted if official transcripts are not readily obtainable.

Do not enter technical certifications, study-abroad or summer language school information below.

## FAQ re Transcripts

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 2020 grades to be posted before having my transcript sent?

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

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Name of Institution for Bachelor's Degree:

Major:

Year BA or BS Received or Expected to be Received:

Did you receive or expect to receive other degrees, or are you currently attending a college from which you do NOT expect to receive a degree? Please list them below.

Name of Institution:

Major:

Degree:

Year Degree Received or Expected:

Is this your first quarter/semester at this institution?

Name of Institution:

Major:

Degree:

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## **Essay**

Please prepare an essay, 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](mailto:ContactUs@blakemorefoundation.org) or to mail a letter to Blakemore Foundation, 801 Second Avenue, Suite 800, Seattle, WA 98104. Letters must be received by us no later than January 10, 2021.

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

Please email this application, along with your essay and resume to [ContactUs@blakefoundation.org](mailto:ContactUs@blakefoundation.org). These documents must be received by the Foundation no later than 5 p.m. on December 30, 2020.

- I have read the Blakemore Foundation's Grant Guidelines post on the Foundation's website and believe that I qualify for a Blakemore Freeman Fellowship based on this information.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to apply to the language program I have chosen.
- I acknowledge that I am responsible for ordering official transcripts to be sent to the Blakemore Foundation which must arrive no later than January 10, 2021.
- 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. These letters must be received by the Foundation no later than January 10, 2021.
- 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  
Kenneth B. Pyle

Heekyoung Cho  
Lolan Song  
Mimi Gardner Gates, Board Chair

Robert A. Kapp  
Haicheng Wang  
Eugene H. Lee, Trustee

Joseph A. Massey  
Dongsheng Zang

- 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.

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

Professor/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Blakemore Freeman Fellow: \_\_\_\_\_ University/College: \_\_\_\_\_

Language Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Web Search: \_\_\_\_\_