

Application: 2024 Blakemore Freeman Fellowship for Advanced Asian Language Study

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- Be pursuing a professional, business, technical or academic career that involves the regular use of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, or Khmer.
- By the start of the grant, have (at minimum) a bachelor's 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 language classes at the college level, through formal classroom study at a college or university and/or in rigorous college-level language programs.
- 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.

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

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Country:

Language Program and Education Background

- Grant study will normally start in the fall term but may start between August 2024 and May 2025 of the 2024/2025 academic year, limited by the start dates of school terms of 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 31, 2025.
- 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 2024

IUP-Tsinghua - Fall 2024 or Spring 2025

ICLP-Taiwan - Fall 2024, Winter 2025 or Spring 2025

Seoul National - Fall 2024, Winter 2025 or Spring 2025

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, through formal classroom study at a college or university and/or in rigorous college-level language programs? (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 to discuss your situation.

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 colleges from which you received a bachelor’s degree and higher, and if you are still in school, currently attending.

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

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:

Year Degree Received or Expected:

Is this your first quarter/semester at this institution?

Name of Institution:
Major:
Degree:
Year Degree Received or Expected:
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Official Transcripts

Please have official e-transcripts sent to us from:

- All colleges from which you received a bachelor's degree and higher, and transcripts from all colleges you attended without receiving a degree, if transfer credit with grades does not appear on another transcript being sent to us.
- Any college you are currently attending. If fall grades will not be available by our deadline, please have a transcript showing work in progress sent to us.
- All language programs and intensive summer language programs both in the United States and abroad that you have attended for the language you plan to study (examples: Critical Language Scholarship, SEASSI, ICLP, Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies, Middlebury Summer Language Schools), if transfer credit with grades does not appear on another transcript being sent to us. If grades were not awarded by a specific language program, please send us your ending OPI score, and the student evaluation or other certificate issued by the program.

Official e-transcripts should be sent by a school's e-transcript service provider or by the language program to ContactUs@blakemorefoundation.org. Do not forward transcript to us yourself except as noted below.

If a school does not issue e-transcripts, official paper transcripts in sealed, original, unopened envelopes may be mailed to the Blakemore Foundation, P.O. Box 50347, Bellevue, Washington 98015. If official transcripts from overseas institutions or language programs are not readily obtainable, your personal copies of OPI scores and transcripts, student evaluations or certificates will be accepted. In this situation, email scanned pdfs of them to ContactUs@blakemorefoundation.org or mail them to our post office box listed above.

Essay

Please prepare an essay, three to four pages in length, double-spaced, detailing your career path and goals. Your essay should focus on:

- What you will do with this language and how will it help you achieve your career goals
- Why a year of advanced language study abroad is essential at this specific time
- What steps you have taken which demonstrate your commitment to this Asian country and language

Please avoid jargon and write for a wider audience than your specific field. Our review committee members are all familiar with East and Southeast Asia and come from diverse career backgrounds including business, law, academia, public service and beyond.

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 their recommendation to ContactUs@blakemorefoundation.org or by mail to Blakemore Foundation, P.O. Box 50347, Bellevue, Washington 98015. Letters must be received by us no later than January 10, 2024.

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@blakemorefoundation.org. These documents must be received by the Foundation no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Time on December 30, 2023.

- I have read the Blakemore Foundation's Grant Guidelines posted 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, 2024.
- 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, 2024.
- I confirm that I am not related to any of the current members of the Blakemore Foundation Board of Managers as listed on the Foundation's website as of the date of this application.
- By my signature above, I authorize the language program listed above that I would attend as a Blakemore Freeman Fellow 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 Blakemore Foundation.

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

Professor/Teacher: _____ Blakemore Freeman Fellow: _____ University/College: _____
Language Program: _____ Web Search: _____