

ELLEN BAYARD WEEDON EAST ASIA TRAVEL GRANTS

Spring 2009

Each year the Grants Committee of the East Asia Center allocates money to be used to defray the cost of travel to East Asia by University faculty members and students. These funds may be used to cover all or part of a round trip airfare between Charlottesville and East Asia. Travel within an East Asian country will not be covered by a Weedon travel grant.

ELIGIBILITY

- The Ellen Bayard Weedon travel grant is available to any University of Virginia faculty member or student who intends to spend at least two weeks in East Asia pursuing study or research.
- Recipients must agree to be in residence at the University during the subsequent academic year.
- Recipients must agree to share with the University community knowledge and experience acquired in East Asia through lectures, colloquia, seminars, media presentations, etc.
- Student applicants must intend to enroll in structured programs offered by accredited academic institutions in East Asia, or plan to pursue a specific research project.

TRAVEL GRANT AWARDS

Applicants intending to spend two to eight weeks in East Asia under the conditions outlined herein may apply for a travel grant to cover **partial (25% or more)** round trip air fare between Charlottesville and East Asia.

Applicants intending to spend eight weeks or more in East Asia under the conditions outlined herein may apply for a travel grant to cover **up to full** round trip air fare between Charlottesville and East Asia

Under special circumstances students and faculty members may apply for **up to full** round trip air fare regardless of length of stay in East Asia, provided the trip has a sound and genuine professional or academic purpose, i.e., to attend a professional conference, to conduct research that can only be conducted in East Asia, etc.

These travel grants **cannot** be used cover the following: (1) trips designed to enable a student or faculty member to simply "visit" East Asia, (2) in-country travel, (3) program and/or conference fees, (4) lodging and accommodations.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Travel grant applications shall be judged according to the selection committee's assessment of the quality of the applicant, the intellectual and academic cohesiveness of the applicant's project, and financial need. Preference shall be given to applicants who have not received a grant within the past year, who have not recently been to East Asia, and to projects ranked in the following order of priority:

1. research, language and cultural study;
2. participation in study tours;
3. participation in conferences.

Specific award amounts will be based on the availability of funds. No single travel grant shall exceed one-third of available funds, and normally no more than half of the available funds shall be allocated to faculty members.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- Student applicants must submit three (3) copies of the student application form, two (2) supporting letters of recommendation from UVA faculty members, and a UVA transcript.
- Faculty applicants must submit the faculty application form and provide a letter detailing their plans and anticipated travel costs.

Application forms are available during office hours in the East Asia Center, B031 Cabell Hall and online at <http://www.virginia.edu/eastasia>. Completed applications are due by 2 p.m. Friday March 16, 2009 and should be returned to the East Asia Center, B031 Cabell Hall, PO Box 400781. (phone: 924-7836)