



June 1, 2012

Dear Christina and Winnie,

Greetings from the Harvard-Yenching Institute!

As you may have observed, the Harvard-Yenching Institute's programs have become increasingly competitive in recent years. With an eye toward making our partnerships more dynamic to reflect the changing conditions of higher education in East Asia, the Institute conducted a review of partner universities last year. As a result, your university is invited to continue nominating candidates to our program every year. Please identify and nominate candidates to our program by September 30, 2012 for the academic year 2013-14. We hope that, with fewer total nominations from our partner universities each year, the chance for nominated candidates from your university to be selected for HYI programs will improve significantly.

For the academic year 2013-14, your institution may nominate up to a total of 5 candidates (3 for visiting scholars program and 2 for visiting fellows program) from among your most promising faculty and students for application to our programs. In conjunction with the mission of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, nominated scholars must be working in the humanities and social sciences with an emphasis on culture. We seek outstanding scholars whose work is academic rather than applied. Scholars whose research focus is comparative, and includes one or more Asian countries, are especially welcome. This year, we will continue the centralized interview process that was put in place a few years ago. Although there is no age limit for applicants, preference will be given to younger scholars who are in the early stages of their academic career. We would greatly appreciate it if you could post the Harvard-Yenching Institute fellowship program information on your university web site for wide circulation.

The following is a summary of our programs:

**Visiting Scholars Program**

This program offers faculty members in the humanities and social sciences the opportunity to undertake 10 months of study and research at Harvard University. Approximately 10 to 15 applicants are chosen each year as researchers at the Harvard-Yenching Institute, with access to the Harvard University libraries and facilities. Scholars are provided with a stipend to cover living expenses while at the Institute. Applicants and university/academy administrators will be notified of selection results in mid-February, 2013. The selection criteria include English proficiency, academic training (including PhD degree in most cases), quality and originality of the research proposal, demonstrated depth of subject knowledge, the feasibility of conducting the research at Harvard University and/or other major universities in the United States. Selected scholars are required to consult with faculty at Harvard and/or



other appropriate universities, and to make at least one public presentation in English on their proposed research project during their stay at the Institute.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **September 30, 2012**.

### **Visiting Fellows Program**

This program provides advanced PhD candidates (graduate students and junior faculty members) in your institution an opportunity to conduct dissertation research at Harvard University for three semesters, with access to Harvard University libraries and facilities. Fellows are also affiliated with the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of Harvard University, and provided with living expenses while at the Institute. All applicants and university/academy administrators will be notified of selection results in mid-February, 2012. In our selection process, preference is given to advanced graduate students and junior faculty members working in East Asian Studies, especially with a comparative focus. The selection criteria include academic training, quality and originality of the research proposal, depth of subject knowledge and feasibility of conducting the research at Harvard University.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **September 30, 2012**.

We ask that you send all of your completed applications via email in *word document* format, including letters of recommendation and the document of endorsement from the foreign affairs office, by September 30, 2012, in one package to the Harvard-Yenching Institute at the following address:

Lindsay Strogatz  
<programs@harvard-yenching.org>  
Harvard-Yenching Institute  
2 Divinity Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02138 USA  
Tel: 617.495.3369  
Fax: 617.495.7798

Please note that the Institute will return the submitted package to your office if more than 5 candidates are nominated. Please also be aware that no more than 3 candidates can be nominated to the visiting scholars program and no more than 2 candidates to the visiting fellows program. The Institute does not accept individual applications for the above programs. Scholarship applications sent directly to the Institute without official approval by an authorized nominating institution will not be considered. Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter with Lindsay Strogatz via e-mail at <programs@harvard-yenching.org>, or by fax at 617.495.7798.

In addition, we would greatly appreciate it if you would kindly publicize the attached information on the Harvard-Yenching Institute-Regional Studies (East Asia) Fellowship Program among your undergraduate and graduate students in the field of East Asian Studies. Your office is not asked to become involved in the nomination process for this program;



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interested students can directly apply to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of Harvard University.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter. We deeply appreciate your kind attention and continuing cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elizabeth J. Perry", on a light-colored background.

Elizabeth J. Perry  
Director, Harvard-Yenching Institute

Cc: Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, Vice Chancellor's Office, the University of Hong Kong



## APPENDIX

### 1. Eligibility:

Visiting Scholars Program candidates should have served at their home university for at least two years as a full time faculty member. Scholars who gained their Ph.D. in an English speaking institution in the past five years are not eligible for this program.

### 2. Details of the scholarships:

#### Visiting Scholars Program

Round trip economy class airfare;

A stipend of US \$5,000 per month for the period of residence in Cambridge, Massachusetts (for 10 months);

Health Insurance;

\$1,000 for research assistance;

Funding (up to \$500.00) for one-time participation in an academic conference within the USA and Canada.

#### Visiting Fellows Program

Round trip economy class airfare;

Payment of the Harvard University Visiting Fellows fee;

A stipend adequate for a single fellow (for 2012-13, the monthly stipend is approximately \$2,450);

Tuition for one English class for one semester at the Harvard Extension School;

Funding (up to \$500.00) for one-time participation in an academic conference within the USA and Canada.

### 3. Fields of Research

Candidates' fields of research in the humanities and social sciences to be considered:

Anthropology

Archaeology

History (including art history, economic history and legal history)

Linguistics

Literature

Philosophy

Politics

Study of Religion

Sociology

Scholars in the fields of Economics and Law may be considered, but must check with the Institute before submitting applications. If the research field of any of your candidates falls out of the range mentioned above (e.g. economics, law), and you are not sure if the candidate is eligible for the program, please contact Lindsay Strogatz at <programs@harvard-yenching.org> before you submit your application.



### **Harvard-Yenching Institute and RSEA Fellowship at Harvard University**

The Harvard-Yenching Institute's Regional Studies (East Asia) Fellowship is for Asian nationals who plan to return to Asia to teach upon completion of their graduate studies. This is a multi-year full fellowship which covers the two-year master's degree in Harvard's RSEA program plus the first year of a doctoral degree program (in humanities or social sciences with a focus on East Asia) at an approved university. Nominations for this fellowship are made by Harvard University Ph.D. programs and/or the Regional Studies (East Asia) admissions committee. In addition to direct applicants to the RSEA program, nominees may include applicants to PhD programs who are not directly admitted to a doctoral program, but are judged to be potentially competitive for admission to a doctoral program (not necessarily at Harvard) after completing an MA degree in the RSEA program. Applicants who hold degrees from English-medium universities located outside of Asia are ineligible. For further information, please visit the website of the RSEA program at <<http://rsea.fas.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do>>