



June 1, 2012

Dear Professor Jakkapan Sirithunyalug,

Greetings from the Harvard-Yenching Institute!

Once again we would like to invite your participation in the programs of the Harvard-Yenching Institute by nominating scholars as candidates to our visiting scholars and fellows, and doctoral scholars programs. For the academic year 2013-14, your institution may nominate up to a total of 6 candidates from among your most promising scholars for application to these programs. Nominated scholars should be working in the humanities and social sciences with an emphasis on culture. Scholars whose focus of research 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 three years ago. In addition, we would like to bring to your attention a new change concerning the Doctoral Scholarship Program, namely that the Doctoral Scholarship will be offered only as part of the Joint HYI-NUS Doctoral Scholarship in collaboration with the National University of Singapore. HYI funding is no longer available for candidates to pursue a Ph.D. at any other university.

Currently, the Institute has more than 50 affiliated universities and institutions that are eligible to nominate candidates. We are reviewing the list of the Institute's partner universities in Southeast Asia with an eye toward making our partnerships more dynamic to reflect the changing condition of higher education in Asia. As a result, some universities may no longer be affiliated with the Institute, and some may be asked to participate in the programs every other year. We will update you soon after we complete the selection process for 2013-14.

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**.

Joint HYI-NUS Doctoral Scholarship

The Harvard-Yenching Institute and the National University of Singapore (with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences) have established a joint doctoral scholarship program, whereby candidates apply simultaneously for HYI funding, and for an NUS PhD and the NUS funding to support it. Candidates must be a faculty member affiliated with HYI partner universities or research institutes in Southeast Asia, and will usually work on topics in East or Southeast Asian Studies, either with an interdisciplinary or a disciplinary approach. Please check the website of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the National University of Singapore <<http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/prospective/grad/index.html>> for more information on the programs of NUS.

Candidates must apply directly to the Graduate Studies Division of the National University of Singapore. The deadline for application packages to reach NUS is **November 1, 2012**. Please contact Ms. Pearly Ang should you have any questions about Joint HYI-NUS Doctoral Scholarship via email at <pearly@nus.edu.sg>. Ms. Ang's address is as follows:

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Graduate Studies Division
Dean's Office, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
National University of Singapore
The Shaw Foundation Building
Block AS7, Level 6, 5 Arts Link
Singapore 117570

Successful candidates in the joint program will enroll for an NUS PhD, and be in receipt of an NUS scholarship. Candidates will be at NUS for three years and in the US for a year-and-a-half. The Singapore portion of the candidature will be funded by NUS up to a maximum of three years, and the US portion will be funded by HYI. Successful applicants will have to fulfill all terms and conditions of the respective scholarships.



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While in the US, students will usually be based at Harvard University. Where there is a need for coursework to be completed, students may take one full semester of coursework (i.e., four courses) as a special student at Harvard to be recognized for credit at NUS.

While candidates to this program may of course also apply for other programs on their own, the Harvard-Yenching Institute will not offer funding for candidates to pursue a PhD at any university other than NUS.

Please note that 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 Ms. Lindsay Strogatz via e-mail at [<strogatz@fas.harvard.edu>](mailto:strogatz@fas.harvard.edu), or by fax at [<617.495.7798>](tel: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; 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 appreciate your kind attention and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth J. Perry". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Elizabeth J. Perry
Director, Harvard-Yenching Institute



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>.