



Purpose:

The purpose of the Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG) Pre-Dissertation Fellowship is to provide financial support to social science Ph.D. students engaged in exploratory research who must travel to Southeast Asia in order to obtain the advanced contextual knowledge needed for a high-quality dissertation proposal and a competitive application for external funding. Preference will be given to students enrolled in the fields of political science, economics, and sociology.

The Fellowship consists of an award of up to \$6,000, made possible by a generous grant from the Henry Luce Foundation. It may be used to offset the costs of international travel, in-country maintenance, and/or *advanced* in-country language training, enabling recipients to produce superior dissertation proposals and progress rapidly to the active research and writing stages of their studies. Funds from this Fellowship are not intended to support either introductory language courses or language courses offered outside of the region of Southeast Asia; successful applicants will have already made a commitment to the region by acquiring basic linguistic competency.

Awardees will be expected to spend at least six weeks in Southeast Asia (transit time included).

Eligibility:

Graduate students in good academic standing in a social science Ph.D. program in the U.S. or Canada, regardless of personal nationality or citizenship are eligible to apply for this fellowship. Preference will be given to those who have completed their first or second year but who have not yet advanced to candidacy with a completed dissertation proposal.

Application requirements:

1. 200-250 word summary of research idea
2. 100-150 word description of research site and country context
3. Evidence of language skill - submit one of the following:
 - a. Copy of university transcript
 - b. Letter from language instructor verifying proficiency level
 - c. Native proficiency (copy of secondary school or undergraduate diploma)
4. Name, position of local in-country contact
5. Letter of endorsement from in-country contact
6. Letter of endorsement* from faculty at university where student is enrolled
7. Copy of transcript (may be unofficial) verifying good academic standing

Submit applications electronically to Tom Pepinsky via email at pepinsky@cornell.edu

*Letters of endorsement may be submitted directly to the above address by their authors.

Application deadline: April 16, 2018

All materials must be received by the deadline to receive award consideration

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