

Tanaka Student Research Fund 2017

Application Guidelines

The application deadline for Summer 2017 is March 29, 2017

Criteria:

The Tanaka Student Research Fund, established with the generous support of the Tanaka Memorial Foundation in Tokyo, is designed to support independent fieldwork in Asia by Trinity students. This fieldwork may be part of a larger project, such as a senior thesis, or it may be a study that the student wishes to pursue out of his or her own intellectual curiosity and desire to better understand a particular aspect of the culture, economy, or politics of an Asian country.

The grant is for use during the summer months. In addition to whatever use they make of their findings for senior theses or other projects, recipients will be required to submit the results of their research to the Center for Urban and Global Studies so that they may be shared with the Trinity community and the Tanaka Memorial Foundation. For this reason, applicants must be enrolled at Trinity during the semester following the summer during which they use the grant; applications from students who will be off campus on study abroad programs during the following semester will be accepted, however.

Materials to Submit:

A complete application will consist of the following: 1) A personal statement and project proposal; 2) a preliminary schedule and budget; and 3) a letter of support from a Trinity faculty member who will serve in some sort of advisory capacity for the project.

1) Personal Statement and Project Proposal

In 2000 words or less describe the personal history of your interest in Asia and the issue you are proposing to study, as well as the important details of the research project itself. How you choose to organize the statement and proposal is up to you, but it should address questions such as: Where will the fieldwork be conducted? What research question or questions is your proposed fieldwork designed to address? What resources will you make use of in your fieldwork (e.g., libraries, interviews with specific people or groups of people, site surveys, etc.), and how will you go about accessing them? What methodologies will you use to conduct your fieldwork? What faculty member or members at Trinity will help you with the project (either during the fieldwork phase or afterward), and what will their contributions to it be? How will the opportunity to pursue this project contribute to your academic/career goals?

2) Preliminary Schedule and Budget

Describe in as much detail as possible the timetable for your fieldwork, including probable dates, locations, and the activities to be conducted. Also, include a budget for the project. Be as specific as possible about the foreseeable costs, and be sure to include transportation fees to and from the country in which you will conduct the fieldwork and lodging fees while there. **The overall budget should not exceed \$3000.**

3) Letter of Support

This is a letter from the faculty member you mention in your project proposal. It should include an evaluation of your potential to carry out the project successfully, and a description the faculty member's own role in overseeing it (including any subsequent involvement they will have with your work, such as serving as a thesis advisor, etc.). It does not need to be a formal letter. The faculty member may send an email to the Chair of the selection committee, Professor Jeffrey Bayliss at jeffrey.bayliss@trincoll.edu.

The members of the committee are:

Jeffrey Bayliss, Associate Professor of History, Chair

Reo Matsuzaki, Assistant Professor of Political Science

Xiangming Chen, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Global Urban Studies.

Deadline:

The materials outlined above should be electronically submitted to Professor Jeffrey Bayliss at jeffrey.bayliss@trincoll.edu by **March 29, 2017**. Finalists will be notified by April 21, 2017.