



Chung-Hwa Institute Research Grant for Book-length Monographs on Chinese Buddhism

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Chung-Hwa Institute of Buddhist Studies (CHIBS)—an academic wing of Dharma Drum Mountain Foundation located in Taiwan—is one of the most prestigious Buddhist institutions dedicated to the academic study of Buddhism. Among its many accomplishments are the publication of the *Chung-Hwa Buddhist Journal* and the digitization of the Chinese Buddhist canon through the Chinese Buddhist Electronic Text Association (CBETA). CHIBS is launching an ongoing funding project to facilitate research and publication of book-length monographs on Chinese Buddhism. CHIBS is now accepting proposals. All monographs accepted by CHIBS will be considered by Columbia University Press for publication.

II. GRANT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for grant funding, projects must focus on Chinese Buddhism from the Song to the Qing dynasties, but research methodologies may vary. Ancillary topics such as Confucianism, Daoism, Chinese history, politics and so forth may also be addressed.

The grant is designed to award four categories of recipients:

1. Recent Ph.D. graduates who have modified their dissertations into publishable monographs: up to \$10,000.
2. Assistant Professors working on new research projects: up to \$10,000.
3. Independent researchers with Ph.D. degrees: up to \$10,000.
4. Scholars who have attained the rank of Associate Professor or Full Professor (and those retired from these ranks): up to \$20,000.

III. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Proposal: A 1500-2000 word synopsis of the project including title, key words in Chinese and English, thesis summary, research aim and methodological approach, list of primary and secondary sources (along with an explanation why these sources are relevant), research plan, budget, location, and expected date of completion (if not already completed).



2. Applicants submitting already-completed monographs should send two printed copies to CHIBS, or email a PDF version of the monograph, and complete the required items (1, 3, and 4) of the application procedure.
3. Recommendation letters: Three letters of recommendation from scholars of Chinese Buddhism must be submitted either by mail or electronically (grant@chibs.edu.tw). Applicants should list recommenders in the Personal Information Form. Letters must include the recommenders' assessment of the proposed project and the ability of the applicant to complete the project. Recommendations not received within a month of proposal submission may hinder grant processing.
4. Personal Information Form (This form is available on-line at <http://www.chibs.edu.tw>), Curriculum Vitae, and Supporting Documents.

Application required documents should be sent by e-mail (grant@chibs.edu.tw).

IV. REVIEW PROCESS

1. If an uncompleted monograph is accepted by CHIBS reviewers, the author will receive an advance contract and half of the total amount of the grant. If the final monograph is rejected, the remainder of the contract between CHIBS and the author will be void.
2. When a completed monograph is accepted by CHIBS reviewers, the Author will submit the manuscript directly to the Columbia University Press. The first half of the grant will be awarded to the author. The other half of the grant will be awarded to the author after contract is sign between the author and Columbia University Press.

V. CONTACT INFORMATION

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