

Chung-Hwa Institute Fellowship for Graduate Students

The Chung-Hwa Institute of Buddhist Studies (CHIBS) has launched an annual fellowship program for graduate students who are working on pre-modern Chinese Buddhism. This fellowship is to support MA thesis research, PhD dissertation research and PhD dissertation writing.

I. Offers of Fellowship:

For Master Students:

The fellowship will be awarded to students for thesis writing for a grant of up to US \$3000.

For PhD. Students:

The fellowship will be awarded to students for research at three stages:

1. Pre-generals reconnaissance research: up to US \$4,000
2. Post-generals dissertation research: up to US \$10,000
3. Dissertation writing: up to US \$10,000

An applicant can only apply for one fellowship at a time. Please specify the intended fellowship on the Application Form.

II. Eligibility for the Fellowship:

1. Students currently enrolled in graduate programs in the fields of religious studies, East Asian studies, or equivalent majors in an accredited university or institute.
2. Thesis or dissertation to be written in English.

III. Required Documents:

All the required documents for application should be sent via e-mail (to: grant@chibs.edu.tw):

1. The completed application form (This form is available on-line at <http://www.chibs.edu.tw>).
2. Curriculum Vitae: must include a special section on all university and external supports received during graduate study, i.e., fellowships, teaching or research assistantships, tuition grants, and/or summer supports, etc.
3. For MA students: Two recommendation letters, at least one from thesis adviser and an introduction to thesis research for 1,000-1,500 words.
4. For PhD students: Two recommendation letters, at least one from dissertation adviser, and a synopsis of the proposed research project (for funding opportunities #1 and #2 listed in Section I above) or an approved dissertation prospectus (for funding opportunity #3) for 1,500-2,000 words.

5. The letters of recommendation must be submitted either by mail or electronically (to: grant@chibs.edu.tw). The application will not be considered without letters of recommendation.
6. For all applicants, an authentic research paper on topics related to Chinese Buddhism (10,000 to 20,000 words for PhD. students or 3,000 to 5,000 words for MA students) must be submitted as a sample for review.
7. The MA thesis or PhD. dissertation prospectus must provide a synopsis of the project including title, key words in both Chinese and English, thesis summary, research aim and methodological approach, bibliography (primary and secondary sources, along with an explanation why these sources are relevant), research plan, location of research, and expected date of completion.

IV. Deadlines and Procedures:

Deadline for submission of application materials would be **March 1st** every year. Applications will only be considered for projects that begin on or after March 1st each year. Awards will be decided by a committee organized by CHIBS. Applicants will be notified of the results by May.

Acceptance of awarded grant must be received by CHIBS through email **by July 1st** in the same year. The first half of the grant will be awarded after the acceptance being expressed and received. Arrangements for the full amount to be awarded may be available in special cases. Changes of proposed research topics by grantees must be made known to the Chung-Hwa Institute of Buddhist Studies. Grantees are required to submit a progress report (or final report, if available) via email, suggested by **December 1st** that year, for the second half of the grant to be awarded.

V. Grantee's Responsibility

1. After the thesis/dissertation is completed, the grantee must submit 2 printed copies of the work to Chung-Hwa Institute of Buddhist Studies.
2. Any future publication that stems from this grant must acknowledge the funding received from Chung-Hwa Institute of Buddhist Studies.

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