Florence Tan Moeson
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Fellowship Program

Established through the generosity of Florence Tan Moeson, the Moeson Fellowship at the Library of Congress provides individuals with the opportunity to pursue research on East, Southeast, or South Asia (including the overseas Asian communities), using the unparalleled collections of the Library of Congress in Washington, DC.

Applicant Eligibility

- Graduate students, independent scholars, community college teachers, researchers without regular teaching appointments, and librarians with a need for fellowship support are especially welcome to apply.
- No citizenship requirement.
- Individuals residing within a radius of about 75 miles of the Library of Congress are eligible to apply for fellowships that cover local travel, parking, meals, photocopying and other research-related expenses but not overnight accommodations.
- Non-U.S. citizens must be eligible to obtain an entry visa.

Tenure

- A minimum of five (5) full days.
- Research visit may be on any of the days during the calendar year (January 1 – December 31) for which the fellowship is awarded.

Stipend

- $300 to $2,500.

Expectations

- One informal presentation and a 250-500 word written report about the research undertaken at the Library of Congress.
- One digital copy of the final product of this research.
- Acknowledgement of the Moeson Fellowship of the AD, Library of Congress as well as the assistance provided by the Library of Congress staff in any form of publication.

Awards

- Up to 15 awards given annually.
- Awards are announced in December.
- When applicable, award letters will address visa questions and will include a tax residency status and potential U.S. Federal income tax withholding form.
- Non-U.S. citizens and permanent residents who do not have a U.S. Social Security number must submit a Form W-7 to the Internal Revenue Service in order to obtain an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) prior to commencing their fellowship at the Library, regardless of the taxability of their income under this program or exemption under a treaty with the U.S.
- Proof of health insurance coverage during tenure of fellowship in the U.S.
- Transportation and housing will be the responsibility of each fellow.

Applications

- All application materials must be in English and **accepted online only**. Visit: http://www.lcasianfriends.org/fellowship
- Research proposal (no longer than 500 words). The proposal should describe which LC collections and/or materials are expected to be used. Use of the Asian Division collection is preferred.
- Curriculum vitae (no longer than 500 words).
- Estimated budget statement of the availability of funding from other sources, and indication of financial need.
- Names and contact information of three (3) individuals willing to provide letters of reference.

Application Deadline

- September 30, 2011.

The Asian Division of the Library of Congress invites scholars and students to conduct research in the Asian Reading Room using the Asian Division collections and, if applicable, in conjunction with other Library of Congress collections and resources for a minimum of five days. Visiting scholars have easy access to the Library's specialized staff and to the intellectual community of Washington.

The Asian Division especially encourages humanistic and social science research that makes use of the Division's large and varied collections. Interdisciplinary, cross-cultural, or multi-lingual research is particularly welcome. Among the collections available to the researchers are the outstanding multi-lingual collections of books, periodicals, microfilms, and databases, the largest Chinese and Japanese collections outside of China and Japan as well as the world's largest law library. Extensive special collections of manuscripts, maps, music, films, recorded sound, prints and photographs are also available. Further information about the Asian Division's and the Library's collections can be found on the Library's website, **www.loc.gov**.

The award of each fellowship will be subject to the regulations of the Library of Congress.

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