

Application: 2024 Blakemore Kingfisher Art History Language Fellowships

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident (green card holder) of the United States or Canada.
- Be pursuing an academic career in Chinese or Korean art history, with a focus on art made prior to the 20th century.
- By the start of the grant, have (at minimum) a bachelor's degree.
- Be at or near an advanced level in the language. By the start of the grant, applicants must have completed (at minimum) the second year of language classes at the college level, through formal classroom study in rigorous college-level language programs. Applicants who have completed only two years of language study may be expected to participate in an intensive summer program at a relevant language program before the academic year..
- Be able to devote oneself exclusively to full-time intensive language study during the term of the grant. Grants are not made for part-time study or research.

General Information

First Name:

Middle Initial:

Last Name:

Date of Birth:

Primary Email Address:

Alternate Email Address:

Phone Number (please include a country code if not a U.S. or Canadian phone number):

Citizen Status (check one):

Citizen of U.S. or Canada Alien with Permanent Resident Status Registration No. _____

Contact Address

Street Address:

City:

State or Province:

Zip Code:

Country:

Language Program and Education Background

- Grant study will normally start in summer or fall 2024, but must start no later than March 2025, limited by the start dates of school terms at the language school involved. Grant start dates may not be deferred beyond March 2025.
- Grants are awarded for up to twelve months of study (two semesters/three quarters and one summer). No grants are awarded for less than two semesters/three quarters.
- All grants are awarded contingent upon acceptance by the language program.
- It is the applicant's personal responsibility to apply to the language program by its published deadline.

Language:

Institution / Program:

For Chinese, we will fund study at the International Chinese Language Program at National Taiwan University in Taipei, Taiwan (ICLP) or the Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China (IUP).

For Korean, we will fund study at the Inter-University Center for Korean Language Studies at Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul National University or Sogang University.

Anticipated Start of Grant:

Examples of Start Dates

IUP-Tsinghua - Fall 2024 or Spring 2025; ICLP-Taiwan - Fall 2024, Winter 2025 or Spring 2025

Inter-University Center for Korean Language Studies at Sungkyunkwan University (Fall 2024 or Spring 2025)

Seoul National, Sogang - Fall 2024, Winter 2025 or Spring 2025

Approximate date that your application was or will be submitted to language program listed above:

Previous Study of the Language

Highest Level Completed (example: 2nd Year Chinese):

By the time this fellowship would start, will you have completed (at minimum) the second year of language classes at the college level, through formal classroom study in rigorous college-level language programs? (Yes or No)

If no, you do not meet the minimum years of formal study of the language and may not apply for this fellowship.

Resume or C.V.

Please email your curriculum vitae or resume in pdf format to ContactUs@blakemorefoundation.org along with this application form.

Colleges or Universities Attended

Please list below all colleges from which you received a bachelor’s degree and higher, and if you are still in school, currently attending.

Do not enter technical certifications, study-abroad or summer language school information below.

Name of Institution for Bachelor's Degree:

Major:

Year BA or BS Received or Expected to be Received:

Did you receive or expect to receive other degrees, or are you currently attending a college from which you do NOT expect to receive a degree? Please list them below.

Name of Institution:

Major:

Degree:

Year Degree Received or Expected:

Is this your first quarter/semester at this institution?

Name of Institution:

Major:

Degree:

Year Degree Received or Expected:

Is this your first quarter/semester at this institution?

Name of Institution:
Major:
Degree:
Year Degree Received or Expected:
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Official Transcripts

Please have official e-transcripts sent to us from:

- All colleges from which you received a bachelor's degree and higher, and transcripts from all colleges you attended without receiving a degree, if transfer credit with grades does not appear on another transcript being sent to us.
- Any college you are currently attending. If fall grades will not be available by our deadline, please have a transcript showing work in progress sent to us.
- All language programs and intensive summer language programs both in North America (U.S. and Canada) and abroad that you have attended for the language you plan to study (examples: Critical Language Scholarship, ICLP, Middlebury Language Schools), if transfer credit with grades does not appear on another transcript being sent to us. If grades were not awarded by a specific language program, please send us your ending OPI score, and the student evaluation or other certificate issued by the program.

Official e-transcripts should be sent by a school's e-transcript service provider or by the language program to ContactUs@blakemorefoundation.org. Do not forward transcripts to us yourself except as noted below.

If a school does not issue e-transcripts, official paper transcripts in sealed, original, unopened envelopes may be mailed to the Blakemore Foundation, P.O. Box 50347, Bellevue, Washington 98015. If official transcripts from overseas institutions or language programs are not readily obtainable, your personal copies of OPI scores and transcripts, student evaluations or certificates will be accepted. In this situation, email scanned pdfs of them to ContactUs@blakemorefoundation.org or mail them to our post office box listed above.

Essay

Please email us a personal essay, three to four pages in length, double-spaced, in PDF format, detailing your career path and goals. Your essay should focus on:

- What steps you have taken which demonstrate your commitment to Chinese or Korean art historical scholarship prior to the 20th century
- How you will continue art historical training during the year following your fellowship (ideally in the same country as the language program)
- Your plan to pursue a PhD in Chinese or Korean art history and what topics you hope to research

Names of Recommenders

Please list below the names and contact information for the two individuals you will be asking to submit recommendations. Please instruct each individual to email their recommendation to ContactUs@blakemorefoundation.org or by mail to Blakemore Foundation, P.O. Box 50347, Bellevue, Washington 98015. Letters must be received by us no later than January 10, 2024.

Name of Recommender #1:

Title of Recommender #1:

University or Company Name:

Department:

Email Address of Recommender #1:

Name of Recommender #2:

Title of Recommender #2:

University or Company Name:

Department

Email Address of Recommender #2

Signature and Assurances

_____ **Date:** _____

Applicant Signature

Please email this application, along with your essay and resume to ContactUs@blakemorefoundation.org. These documents must be received by the Foundation no later than 11 p.m. Pacific Time on December 30, 2023.

- I have read the Blakemore Kingfisher Art Historical Language Fellowship Grant Guidelines posted on the Foundation's website and believe that I qualify for a Blakemore Kingfisher Fellowship based on this information.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to apply to the language program I have chosen.
- I acknowledge that I am responsible for ordering official transcripts to be sent to the Blakemore Foundation which must arrive no later than January 10, 2024.
- I agree that I am responsible for requesting letters of recommendation on my own behalf and following up with my recommenders as necessary. The Blakemore Foundation will not attempt to pursue delinquent or negligent recommenders for me. These letters must be received by the Foundation no later than January 10, 2024.
- I confirm that I am not related to any of the current members of the Blakemore Foundation Board of Managers as listed on the Foundation's website as of the date of this application.
- By my signature above, I authorize the language program listed above that I would attend as a Blakemore Kingfisher Fellow to release information on my admittance status and results of any written or oral tests conducted as part of the program's application process directly to the Blakemore Foundation.

Where did you hear about this fellowship? (check all that apply):

Professor/Teacher: _____ Blakemore Freeman Fellow: _____ University/College: _____

Language Program: _____ Web Search: _____