

Call for Proposals

2014-2015 New Generation China Scholars Program

The University of Chicago Center in Beijing

With generous support from the Ford Foundation and following the success of the 2012-14 New Generation China Scholars Programs, the University of Chicago Center in Beijing invites applications from graduate students in the social sciences and public policy to participate in this initiative to foster intellectual interactions among early career scholars in the social sciences and public policy from the U.S. and China. Successful candidates will each be offered a modest stipend and have the opportunity to work on their projects at the Center in Beijing, under the guidance of faculty mentors and in collaboration with fellow graduate researchers. During the 6-8 month project term, participants will have access to workspace and other facilities and resources offered by the Center. For U.S.-based applicants, preference will be given to those who are already scheduled to be in China for field research.

For the current cycle, we invite applications that offer innovative approaches to the study of public goods and governance in China. We define the concept of public goods broadly and welcome applications from different disciplinary perspectives. The program will begin with a 4-day Orientation Seminar in late fall and will include a colloquium, presentations by leading expert, individual meetings with faculty mentors and other advisers, and discussions with other program participants. At the conclusion of the program, participants will present research findings at a 2-day Capstone Colloquium. Each participant will produce a working paper for publication on the Center website and in a joint volume.

Requirements

Scholarship recipients will be expected to participate in a 4-day orientation seminar in November/December 2014 and a 2-day capstone colloquium in May/June 2015. During the intervening period, scholars will complete a research paper for presentation at the capstone colloquium and for possible publication. The research paper must be a part of or closely related to the applicant's doctoral dissertation.

Qualifications

The program is aimed at graduate students in the social sciences and social/public policy who are enrolled in PhD programs in leading universities in the U.S. and China and is hence limited to students based in the U.S. and Greater China (Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macau, and Taiwan). In considering applications, the selection committee will pay particular regard to proposals for research aimed at developing innovative approaches to the provision of public goods and governance in China.

Stipend

Scholarship recipients will receive a stipend of \$3,000 each plus coverage of expenses for program participation. The first installment, \$1,500, will be remitted on December 15, after the conclusion of the Orientation Seminar. The second installment will be given on June 10, after the conclusion of the Capstone Seminar.

Location and facilities

Scholarship recipients will be given access to workspace at the University of Chicago Center in Beijing. Address: UChicago (Beijing), Culture Plaza 20th Floor, 59A Zhongguancun Street, Beijing, 100872

Application procedure and deadline

Applications are due by **September 15, 2014**. Successful applicants will be notified by October 10, 2014. Applications should be submitted in English and must include:

- a summary of the research work that the candidate proposes to carry out at the Beijing Center (no more than 1,000 words)
- a detailed curriculum vitae
- a letter of recommendation from the candidate's academic adviser (sent directly by the recommender)

Applications should be sent to beijingcenter@uchicago.edu. Please include on the subject line: "Applicant's name, and application for New Generation China Scholars Program"

To learn more about the 2012-13 and 2013-14 New Generation China Scholars Programs, please visit :

<http://www.uchicago.cn/event/new-generation-china-scholars-orientation-seminar/>;
<http://www.uchicago.cn/event/new-generation-scholars-2013-capstone-colloquium-2/>;
<http://www.uchicago.cn/event/2013-14-new-generation-scholars-orientation/>;
<http://www.uchicago.cn/event/new-generation-capstone-colloquium-2014/>

About the University of Chicago Center in Beijing

The University of Chicago Center in Beijing, established in 2010, provides a physical presence to enhance and strengthen the University's traditionally strong ties to China. It serves as a physical base for University of Chicago faculty, students, and alumni working or studying in China, supports collaborative efforts between University of Chicago researchers and their counterparts in Chinese institutions, and acts as a resource for Chinese researchers and students. For further information, please visit www.uchicago.cn.