IEAS Residential Faculty Research Grants, 2013-14

For UIC Berkeley faculty and visiting UC Berkeley teaching faculty

Call for Proposals

OVERVIEW

The Institute of East Asian Studies (IEAS) at UC Berkeley is pleased to announce the third year of the IEAS Residential Faculty Research program, funded by a multi-year grant. This initiative creates a resident research community to engage in research projects concerning East Asia. Five themes, broadly defined, have been identified for the purpose of organizing research. Using these themes to set general emphasis, the IEAS invites Berkeley faculty (both permanent and visiting) in all stages of their careers to submit research proposals grounded in any discipline in the humanities and social sciences (see Eligibility below). These proposals should be of East Asian content or relevance. Successful applicants will receive support to pursue independent research. They will be expected to attend a brief program retreat with other participants in September 2013, followed by a two-day research workshop with program participants in December. During the spring semester all awardees will be expected to make a presentation of their research at IEAS that will be attended by other program participants, faculty, visiting scholars, graduate students and the public. All awardees will be required to participate in program activities for the entire 2013-14 academic year. The objective of the program is to facilitate the creation of clusters of researchers who engage in conversations with each other while actively pursuing individual research.

Scholars who expect to have visiting teaching appointments at Berkeley during the 2013-14 academic year are eligible to apply for research funding under the program. (Scholars without an institutional affiliation with Berkeley are no longer eligible for this program). The Chairs of relevant departments will be notified of this opportunity so that the guidelines can be shared with visiting faculty scheduled to teach at Berkeley in 2013-14. Award amounts, program guidelines and application procedures for visiting faculty are the same as for permanent UC Berkeley faculty members.

Awards will be in the amount of $15,000. Half of the award ($7500) will be made available in the fall. Upon successful participation in all program activities during the fall term and the scheduling of a public presentation in the spring, the remainder of the award will be released in early 2014. Funds may be used for any purpose that is consistent with UC research policy, and funded activities may begin as early as July 1, 2013. Research travel may be included, but given the residential nature of the IEAS program, trips during the semester should be limited to no more than two weeks, or should otherwise take place during the summer months. Berkeley faculty applicants who have not yet received funding under this program will receive highest priority for 2013-14.

The IEAS envisions a resident faculty research community that will function as the center of gravity of an extended community of faculty, scholars, doctoral candidates and graduate students in the advancement of new approaches to East Asian studies. The first year for the funded activities under this initiative was 2011-2012; the third and last will be 2013-14, though it is possible that the program will be extended into future years.
THEMES

Under this initiative the IEAS invites proposals in any discipline that bear relevance to any of the following themes, either with East Asian content or relevance, broadly conceptualized:

- “sustainable and urban living”
- “nature, society and the humanities”
- “media, public and governance”
- “knowledge, professions and economy”
- “borders, boundaries and networks”

Applicants should briefly indicate in their narratives how their project may fall within one or more of these five broad categories. Funding decisions will be made in part on the basis of adherence to these themes, and on the potential for creating coherent research groups that refer back to these themes. Applicants should present research proposals that may lend themselves to discussion, critique and collegial input. These factors are important for successful adherence to the terms of the program’s funding agency.

GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSALS

Eligibility

Berkeley faculty members with regular appointments in all fields of humanities and social sciences, including those working in environmental, media, urban, legal and other studies, and in all stages of their career, are eligible to apply. Other scholars who have been invited to teach at Berkeley for the 2013-14 academic year are also eligible. (Due to campus regulations, these scholars must not be classified as post-doctoral scholars, but should be on leave from regular faculty positions at another institution). The research support provided through this program may be used to supplement funds provided by the host Berkeley department and/or home institution. Visiting scholars to Berkeley without teaching appointments are ineligible for this program.

Applications should consist of the following:

1) Application cover page: project title and full contact information for applicant, including name, title, contact information (email, telephone, department/university postal mailing address);
2) Abstract of the research proposal (maximum 200 words);
3) Description of research proposal (maximum 2 pages, single spaced);
4) A bibliographical statement that places the proposed research in intellectual context (maximum one page, single-spaced);
5) Curriculum vitae not to exceed two pages.

Applications should be sent by email in one PDF or Word file to Martin Backstrom, Associate Director, Institute of East Asian Studies, 2223 Fulton St., 6th floor, Berkeley, CA, 94720-2318; backstrom@berkeley.edu; (510-642-2815). Questions about the program or the application procedures may also be directed to him.

DEADLINES AND TIMELINE

Applications for the 2013-14 academic year must be received at IEAS by Monday, April 22, 2013. Awards will be announced by mid-May. Funded activities may begin as early as July, 2013.