Invitation and Call for Applications

SHORT-TERM TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES in TAIWAN, 2016
For UC Berkeley faculty ladder-rank faculty in East Asian studies

through the

Top University Strategic Alliance Agreement between UC Berkeley and the Republic of China (Taiwan)

Overview

As part of its 6-year “Top University Strategic Alliance” (TUSA) agreement with the Taiwan Ministry of Education and a consortium of twelve Taiwan universities, the Institute of East Asian Studies (IEAS) is pleased to offer additional short-term teaching opportunities in Taiwan for UC Berkeley ladder rank faculty during calendar year 2016. Applications can be accepted for stays in Taiwan during the spring or summer months of 2016, the fall term, or during December 2016. No funding is available for stays that continue into 2017.

Berkeley faculty members in any field of East Asian or Buddhist studies are invited to apply for funds to teach at Alliance universities in Taiwan, from three weeks to one full term. Three positions are available for calendar year 2016. Under the terms of the TUSA agreement, the selected Berkeley faculty members will be provided air transportation, lodging, meals and a stipend (details below). Courses may take place at any of the following Alliance universities:

• Chang Gung University
• National Central University
• National Cheng Chi University
• National Cheng Kung University
• National Chiao Tung University
• National Chung Hsing University
• National Sun Yat-sen University
• National Taiwan Normal University
• National Taiwan University
• National Taiwan University of Science and Technology
• National Tsing Hua University
• National Yang Ming University

Berkeley faculty will either teach individual short-term courses, or will co-teach a significant portion of existing courses with their Taiwan colleagues. Most visits will last 3-4 weeks and instruction may take place either in Chinese or English, depending on mutual arrangements made with local universities.

Guidelines for Applications

Eligibility

Ladder-rank Berkeley faculty members in all fields of East Asian studies, including those working in environmental, media, urban, legal and other studies, and in all stages of their career, are eligible for
this program. All ladder-rank faculty members, including past applicants, are invited to apply for the three available slots; new applicants are especially encouraged to do so.

Selecting a candidate university and department

Interested Berkeley faculty members are responsible for independently exploring teaching opportunities at the Alliance universities listed above. UC Berkeley faculty members are encouraged to reach out to their colleagues in Taiwan to discuss possible teaching or co-teaching opportunities in 2016. If an Alliance university is interested in hosting a Berkeley faculty member for a short-term teaching engagement, the Berkeley faculty member should then apply to IEAS for funding. Berkeley faculty members may refer potential hosts to IEAS for more information about the Alliance program.

Applications to IEAS should consist of the following:

1) Application cover page: full contact information for the Berkeley faculty applicant, including name, email, phone numbers and department address; name and number of course to be taught; name of institution in Taiwan; dates of proposed visit; name of contact, and contact information in Taiwan.
2) Syllabus for proposed course, with a clear indication of what portion(s) of the course will be taught by the Berkeley faculty member.
3) Brief statement from the applicant detailing the objectives of the teaching opportunity (1 page max).
4) Copy of invitation letter from the host university in Taiwan. (Note: host institutions will be provided with Alliance funding to cover maintenance and lodging of the Berkeley visitor. Up to $9500 is budgeted for airfare, lodging, meals and other expenses. This support can also be paid directly to the applicant, depending on final arrangements.)
5) CV of Berkeley faculty applicant (2 pages)

Berkeley faculty will earn an Alliance stipend for their teaching responsibilities in Taiwan. The stipend amount will vary depending on length of the teaching engagement in Taiwan:

- 3-6 weeks: $12,500
- 18-21 days: $10,000
- Less than 18 days: To be negotiated.

Special note: This program is funded by an extramural grant that expires on December 31, 2016. Therefore, all teaching activities supported by this program must end by December 31, 2016, and applications that propose stays into 2017 cannot be considered. IEAS can only reimburse travel and teaching expenses that end by December 31, 2016. In addition to the stipend above, travel and lodging costs up to $9500 may be reimbursed.

Applications should be sent by email (in one PDF or Word file) to Martin Backstrom, Associate Director, IEAS, at backstrom@berkeley.edu; (510-642-2815). Questions about the program may also be directed to him.

Deadlines and Timeline

Applications for calendar year 2016 should be received at IEAS no later than Friday, March 11, 2016.

Applications will be reviewed by the IEAS Executive Committee and applicants will be notified no later than April 1, 2016.