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APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 21, 2017

Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad 2018 Summer Institute on China

Transcultural Environments of Silk Road Routes Middle and High School Humanities or Social Science Teachers

June 19 – July 22, 2018

A gateway to the Pacific Rim, California's historic, economic, and cultural ties to Asia date back to the early 1800s. As China's economic and political influence rise on the world stage, future California leaders will need the tools to develop new partnerships and leverage the relationships that began centuries before.

The 2018 Summer Institute on China program is sponsored by Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad, UC Berkeley's Tang Center for Silk Road Studies, and the San Mateo County Office of Education in partnership with the Dunhuang Academy and other regional organizations. The Summer Institute on China began in 2007 and is an intensive five-week field study program that combines lectures by university faculty, discussions, instructional strategy planning, curriculum development, an introduction to Chinese language, and the opportunity to explore China firsthand. This year's program will also visit Mongolia. Teachers will participate in a pre-travel orientation in Berkeley hosted by the Tang Center for Silk Road Studies before traveling to China for continued training.

For over 3,000 years of history, China has engaged other cultures through trade and the exchange of arts, ideas, and technologies. This year's institute examines Silk Road routes over land, sea and steppes. Through visits to the ancient and contemporary cities of China (Xi'an, Suzhou) and Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia, program participants will learn about the global networking and collaborations that transpired along the Silk Road, and see their contemporary manifestations in the dynamic economies of Shanghai and Beijing. A visit to the Mogao Caves in Dunhuang will introduce the history and art of this famed Buddhist site, and the ongoing cultural preservation and conservation efforts that are helping to protect a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The program leaders are Dr. Sanjyot Mehendale, Chair of the Tang Center for Silk Road Studies; Karen Clancy, Program Coordinator; Cherie Ho, Curriculum Advisor; and Nancy Sato, Program Evaluator. Participants are required to attend all meetings; to develop a lesson plan that will be presented at the end of the Summer Institute and be available to other teachers; to give a demonstration lesson or presentation once during the 2018-19 school year; and to show examples of student work based on the developed lesson plan. Participants will also be required to complete the program evaluation process including interviews and evaluation forms.

This opportunity is open to California middle and high school teachers who are teaching full-time in the fields of humanities, social sciences, foreign languages (Mandarin), and/or area studies. All participants must be U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent residents and currently employed full-time.



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PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION AND FOLLOW ALL SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR THE INSTITUTE

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1. **Completed Application** (Available at the link on last page)

The application consists of personal and employment contact information, essay questions, terms and conditions statement and required attachments.

- You will need to attach the following to your application file:
 - i. A signed and dated Letter of Recommendation from your principal on school letterhead
 - ii. A copy of your current résumé
 - iii. A Lesson Plan that you have used this year that relates to China or could be adapted to relate to China
 - iv. A short biography of yourself

APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY JANUARY 31, 2018 IF THEY HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO THE INSTITUTE.

UPON ACCEPTANCE TO THE INSTITUTE

All participants that have been accepted to the Institute must:

- Attend an Orientation Meeting in April – exact date and time to follow.
- Issue a \$750 check payable to “County School Service Fund” for Institute Fee (Non-Refundable).
- Have a valid passport to be accepted for the program. Participants must provide a photocopy of passport with an expiration date after January 23, 2019. A \$140.00 VISA fee will be required prior to submittal to Chinese Consulate. The actual passport will be submitted to the Chinese Consulate prior to leaving for required visas. Mongolian VISAs are not required for U.S. citizens.
- Agree with the Terms and Conditions of the program.



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PROGRAM

Please read the following Terms and Conditions. You must understand and agree to these terms by signature during the online application process.

- Participants in the Summer Institute on China must comply with all terms and conditions of the award and directions from program staff. If a participant fails to comply with these terms and conditions and any additional directions, the Summer Institute may terminate the grant, require the participant to repay the program for any funds spent to support the participant or bar the participant from any future programs.
- By accepting this award, the participant agrees to comply with all laws of the United States and the host country.
- The participant agrees not to engage in any activities that are likely to give offense to the host country or to bring the United States into disrepute.
- By accepting this award, the participant agrees to attend and participate in all seminar activities.
- Seminar activities are very intensive and attendance at all activities is required. Being joined by dependents, relatives, or friends in the host country during the period of the seminar is not permitted.
- By accepting this award, the participant is agreeing that he/she is willing to endure certain discomforts that may arise, and that he or she is able to keep up with the high pace of the program.
- The candidate must be physically and psychologically able to participate in all phases of the seminar.
- Participants are required to make a \$750 non-refundable deposit payable upon acceptance to the Summer Institute.
- Participants are required to pay a \$140 fee to process the VISA application to travel. Fee will be collected prior to VISA application submittal to Chinese Consulate. VISA not required in Mongolia for US citizens.
- Participants are responsible for additional expenses which may include the following: passport fees; inoculations; the purchasing of gifts to bring for any visits during the seminar; charges for telephone calls and/or faxing; the purchasing of books/curriculum materials during the seminar; gratuities and personal expenditures. We recommend that each participant bring \$500 US to exchange once in China.



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- All seminar participants are required to have valid health insurance. It is the responsibility of the participant to check with the insurance carrier regarding reimbursement for services obtained overseas.
- Participants are required to notify our office of any change in their physical or mental health prior to the beginning of the seminar.
- Participants are required to develop a lesson plan that will be available to other teachers; to give a demonstration lesson or presentation once during the 2018-2019 school year; and to show examples of student work based on the developed lesson plan.
- Participants are required to share their curriculum projects with colleagues and conduct outreach activities in their schools and communities upon return to the US. Participants will provide a final participant evaluation to Fulbright-Hays and participate in final interviews about the program. (Participants will be asked to submit a detailed dissemination report on how this was accomplished.)
- Travel must be taken in accordance with the ticket issued by the Summer Institute. **NO CHANGES WILL BE ALLOWED.**
- All announced seminars are subject to the availability of speakers, funds and the cooperation of foreign nations. Seminars could be cancelled or changed due to a decrease in funding or situations in the host country.

REVOCATION OR TERMINATION OF THE AWARD

Your participation in the program may be revoked or terminated.

Grounds for revocation may include but are not limited to: (1) violations of the laws of the United States or of the host country; (2) misconduct; (3) failure to observe satisfactory academic or professional standards; (4) physical or mental incapacitation; (5) acts likely to give offense to the host country; and/or (6) engaging in political or unauthorized income-producing activities; or other activities which in the discretion of the Summer Institute administration are inconsistent with the best interests of the program.

In accepting this offer to attend the 2018 Summer Institute on China, I agree to all of the Terms and Conditions outlined in this statement.



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PRE-TRAVEL ORIENTATION

June 19 – June 22
8:30 am – 5:00 pm
(Some days may be later)

Sessions will be held at UC Berkeley and the San Francisco Asian Art Museum. Participants will have:

- Presentations on ancient and contemporary China and Mongolia
- Introductory Chinese Language lessons
- Discussions, curriculum development and lesson planning
- Materials, continental breakfast and lunch provided each day

TRAVEL PROGRAM

June 24 – July 22

Teachers will be traveling and studying in China and Mongolia. International airfare from San Francisco, lodging (double occupancy), meals, transportation & excursion costs (included).

- China: Major cities to be visited include Shanghai, Suzhou, Xi'an, Dunhuang and Beijing
- Mongolia: Ulaanbaatar and a Ger Camp in the countryside
- Presentations on Chinese history and culture; modern Chinese policies and issues; visits to the Dunhuang Academy, Mogao Caves, and museums, etc.; Mongolian history and culture
- Develop, present and submit a standards-based lesson plan

UPON RETURN

Participants will:

- Have leaders and program evaluator observe implementation of a lesson
- Turn in a final lesson plan that will be shared with other teachers on a website; show sample of students' work from implementation of plan
- Provide a final participant evaluation of the Summer Institute on China to Fulbright-Hays



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much out of pocket will this trip cost me?

The only out of pocket money you are required to pay is the \$750.00 non-refundable administrative institute fee and a \$140.00 Visa fee. The cost of international airfare, your accommodations, transportation within China and Mongolia, and meals at itinerary locales are provided by the program. We recommend that participants bring \$500 to spend while in China. You may wish to buy souvenirs, snacks and meals on your free time with your own money. Since this year's program will begin in Berkeley, you will need to arrange travel to Berkeley prior to leaving for China and returning from China back to San Francisco or Los Angeles.

When do I need to provide the payment?

The \$750.00 fee must be paid upon acceptance to the program. A date will be established each program year and provided to you once you have been selected as a participant. Please adhere to posted deadlines. Failure to provide necessary paperwork or payment by the deadlines required may result in disqualification from the program and an alternate may take your place. The \$140.00 Visa fee will be collected prior to passport submittal to Chinese Consulate.

If I already have a VISA, do I need to pay the \$140.00?

No. The program leader will verify that you have a valid Chinese VISA for this program. If you do not, you will need a VISA issued and that would mean you have to pay the \$140.00.

Can I bring a friend, partner, or spouse if I pay for them myself?

No. This is an educational, staff development program geared directly to school studies. The program only allows accepted participants to travel.

If I pay for the travel myself, can I extend my stay to visit relatives or see other parts of China after the institute portion?

No. Travel and other arrangements have been made on a group basis. The airfare is purchased as a group to establish the best rate and the VISA requirements are very specific as to dates of travel.



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If I participated before, can I participate again?

Priority is given to those who have not participated before. However, as long as you fit the qualifications for the current program, you are eligible to apply.

Can I participate if I am a substitute teacher?

No. All participants must be working full-time classroom teachers.

How are participants selected?

The number of spaces available for the program is limited. Once all the applications have been submitted, the Administrators of the program will review the applications and begin scheduling personal group interviews. The purpose of the interview is to learn about the applicant's teaching experiences and how they will relate to the China Institute program. The Administrators want to learn about each applicant personally and make their decision based on the best candidates that fit the criteria of the program offered. The candidates are selected with an even number of male and female applicants because of double room occupancy. Selected candidates are notified and alternates are chosen and notified as well. Applicants who are not accepted to participate in the current program, can reapply in the future if their experience better matches a different program. (For example, if an applicant has a lot of teaching experience in one subject area and the current program is looking for teachers in other subject areas, this applicant would not be a good candidate for this program but could be a good candidate if criteria matching their teaching experience opens up in the future.)

Why do you need a résumé?

The Administrators review your résumé to see what type of experiences you have had in the past to help them determine the best candidate for the program.

What information should I provide in my short biography?

Your short biography should be approximately one paragraph. You can describe what you are currently doing as a teacher and provide some of your current interests. The biography will be shared with the funders and the hosts in China so they can get to know you also.

How long ago should I have had a tetanus shot?

You should have a new tetanus shot if it has been longer than 10 years but please check with your physician to be sure.



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TO APPLY:

[Connect to Online Application](#)

Please be sure to have all your documents ready to upload upon completion of the application.



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CONTACT:

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