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APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 27, 2023

Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad 2024 Summer Institute in London, UK Cross-cultural Perspectives along the Silk Road Middle and High School Librarians

June 15 – July 15, 2024

The 2024 Summer Institute on the Silk Road 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 British Library and other regional organizations. The Summer Institute began in 2007 as an intensive field study program to teach about China that combines lectures by university faculty, discussions, instructional strategy planning, curriculum development, an introduction to Chinese language, and the opportunity to explore China firsthand. Our program will focus on materials collected in China and Central Asia by archeologist Sir Marc Aurel Stein and brought to England in the early 1900's and are now housed mainly in the British Library and the British Museum. This year, along with eight teachers, four certificated school librarians will be selected to participate. All participants will receive pre-travel orientation via monthly webinars hosted by the Tang Center for Silk Road Studies before traveling to London 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 what we can learn from artifacts collected along Silk Road routes. Through visits to museum and library archives, program participants will learn about the global networking and collaborations that transpired along the Silk Road, and see their contemporary manifestations in the diaspora communities found in London. Based on previous Summer institute visits to the Mogao Caves in Dunhuang, the group will learn about ongoing cultural preservation and conservation efforts that are helping to educate others about materials that came from Dunhuang and provide a window into the global community that existed 1000 to 2000 years ago.

The program leaders are Professor Sanjot Mehendale, Chair of the Tang Center for Silk Road Studies; Karen Clancy, Program Coordinator; and Cherie Ho, Curriculum Advisor. Participants are required to attend all meetings; to develop a group video project; to develop an individual lesson plan that will be presented at the end of the Summer Institute and be available to other educators on the Tang Center website; to give a demonstration lesson or presentation once during the 2024-2025 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 certificated librarians or librarians who have earned a Masters of Librarianship who are working with teachers in the fields of humanities, social sciences, and/or area studies.

All participants must be U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent residents and currently employed full-time.

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION AND FOLLOW ALL SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR THE INSTITUTE

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

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

- You will need to upload the following with your application file:
 - i. A SIGNED and dated Letter of Recommendation from your principal on school letterhead
 - ii. A copy of your current resumé and a short biography
 - iii. A Lesson Plan/ Project that you have used this year that relates to the Silk Road or could be adapted to relate to the Silk Road

APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY December 15, 2023 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 January with additional monthly webinar dates to be scheduled – exact dates and times to follow.
- Issue a \$100 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 17, 2025.
- Agree with the Terms and Conditions of the program.

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 2024 Summer Institute 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 (United Kingdom).
- 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 \$100 non-refundable deposit payable upon acceptance to the Summer Institute.
- Participants are responsible for additional expenses which may include the following: passport fees; inoculations; 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 or a credit card/ATM card that can be used in the UK.
- 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 educators; to give a demonstration lesson or presentation once during the 2024- 2025 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.

Pre-Travel Orientation

**January – June 2024
Time and Date TBD**

Sessions will be held via monthly webinars. Participants will have:

- Presentations on ancient and contemporary Silk Roads, including China
- Discussions, curriculum development and lesson planning
- Reading Materials

Travel Program

June 15 – July 14

Teachers will be traveling and studying in London, UK. International airfare from San Francisco, lodging, meals, transportation & excursion costs are included.

- London, UK – we are hosted by the British Library and will visit the Library as well as the British Museum and other regional institutions
- Presentations on Silk Road/Chinese history and culture; modern Chinese policies and issues
- Group Project;
- Individual Project - 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/project plan that will be shared with other educators on a website; show sample of students' work from implementation of plan
- Provide a final participant evaluation of the Summer Institute to Fulbright-Hays

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 \$100.00 non-refundable administrative institute fee. The cost of international airfare, your accommodations, transportation in London, and meals at itinerary locales are provided by the program. We recommend that participants bring \$500 (credit cards are generally accepted here) to spend while in London. You may wish to buy souvenirs, snacks and meals on your free time with your own money. Since this year's program will fly from San Francisco International Airport, you will need to arrange travel to the Bay Area prior to leaving for London and returning from London back to San Francisco or Los Angeles.

When do I need to provide the payment?

The \$100.00 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.

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 friends/relatives or see other parts of London/Europe 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 Fulbright-Hays requirements are very specific as to dates of travel.

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.

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 education experiences and how they will relate to the 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. 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, 2024 is the first year that Librarians are specifically included in the program.)

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 librarian and provide some of your current interests. The biography will be shared with the funders and the hosts in London 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.

TO APPLY:

Please complete the following:

- [Application](#)
- [Essay Questions](#)
- [Terms and Conditions](#)

Please provide the following with your file upload:

- Resumé and short biography
- Current Letter of Recommendation from your Principal
- A Lesson Plan/ Project that you have used this year that relates to the Silk Road or could be adapted to relate to the Silk Road

Compile all the required documents and upload to: <https://tinyurl.com/2024Institute>

You may upload up to five (5) separate files not to exceed file size of 100 MB. File types allowed are DOC, PDF, and EXCEL

Contact:

For more information contact: **Karen Williams at (650) 802-5554 or kwilliams@smcoe.org**

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