

UCLA Asian American Studies Center Guidelines for Graduate Student Grant, Fellowship, Internship & Academic Prize

Eligibility

- For all Grant, Fellowship, Internship and Academic Prize, the applicant must be a registered continuing graduate or professional school student enrolled at UCLA in the upcoming academic year for Fall, Winter, Spring quarters and can include Summer session if applicable.
- Applicant can be enrolled in any departmental graduate or professional school program at UCLA.
- Applicant can be of any race or ethnicity and academic discipline at UCLA for most Grant, Fellowship, Internship and Academic Prize.
- Additional eligibility or criteria requirements for a specific Grant, Fellowship, Internship or Academic Prize may be listed as specified by the fund purpose.

Guidelines

- Submit an online application along with your proposal or paper as a Microsoft Word document or pdf.
- You can submit only one proposal or paper for one specific Grant, Fellowship, Internship or Academic Prize.
- You must state the proposal or paper title for the Grant, Fellowship, Internship or Academic Prize that it is being applied to.
- Students can submit old papers they have written for academic coursework or newly written papers or proposals.
- Double-space your papers, essays or proposals and use a 12-pt. standard font (e.g. Times New Roman).
- See complete application package list below.
- Only complete applications will be considered for review. Application packages with incomplete information and/or copies will be disqualified.

Application package must be submitted with the documents in the order listed below:

- 1) General Application form
- 2) Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- 3) An unofficial (or student copy) transcript may be obtained online through MyUCLA. The unofficial transcript can be viewed on-screen or printed as a PDF. There is no charge for an unofficial transcript.
<http://www.registrar.ucla.edu/Student-Records/Academic-Transcript>
- 4) Completed Faculty Recommendation form if requested, use form on page 3 of application. Unless request is stated, recommendations are not required or optional for other Grants and Fellowships. One UCLA Faculty reference is required on the application form. A second reference and/or letter of recommendation is optional.
- 5) UCLA financial aid award and/or a personal statement of your financial situation and need. For personal statement, write what your financial situation is, such as:
 - If you work, how many hours a week; what is the monthly/annual pay?
 - Is anyone able to financially support you, why or why not?
 - What are the conditions for your financial need?
 - If you have loan debt, what type, how much?
- 6) Upload the document being requested for the specific Grant, Fellowship, Internship or Academic Prize; i.e. proposal, essay, paper. At the top of the first page of this document, put your name and the name of the specific Grant, Fellowship, Internship or Academic Prize that this document is being submitted for.

Submit application with your curriculum vitae and proposal(s) or paper(s) as a Microsoft Word document and pdf of your academic transcript scp@aasc.ucla.edu.

Grant

The Grants have a unique application that can be viewed here: [Okura & Ogata Grant Application](#)

Patrick & Lily Okura Research Grant on Asian Pacific American Mental Health

Award: 1 award at \$5,000

Eligibility: UCLA graduate students from any discipline conducting research focused on Asian Pacific Americans and Mental Health.

Martha Ogata Research Grant to study Domestic Violence and Abuse in Asian Pacific American Communities

Award: 1 award at \$5,000

Eligibility: UCLA graduate students from all disciplines across the University (including, but not limited to, social and life sciences, public health, law, Medicine, media, the humanities and creative arts), using different methodologies and theoretical approaches, undertaking scholarly, policy, or artistic projects focusing on Asian Pacific American women and children who are victims of domestic violence and abuse or who are in potentially abusive situations.

Fellowship

All Fellowships have the same proposal requirements. Read each Fellowship title criteria, eligibility, and proposal for its specific focus.

- precise statement of the research project and its key objectives;
- research project plans including faculty and/or community-based organizations involved;
- timeline for completion;
- the type of publication you expect to result from the work;
- include any conference presentation and/or publication plans.

Limit your proposal to five double-spaced pages. Faculty Recommendation form on page 3 of application must be submitted.

Professor Harry H. L. Kitano Fellowship

Award: 1 award at \$1,000

Criteria: Academic record, application and proposal must reflect student's interest in social issue-oriented research regarding the Asian Pacific American community.

Proposal: Describe your research on the Asian Pacific American community in detail, including the relation of this work to other social issue-oriented research in the field of Asian Pacific American Studies.

Tritia Toyota Graduate Fellowship

Award: 1 award at \$3,000

Criteria: Academic record, application and proposal must reflect student's interest in community-oriented research in the Asian Pacific American community of Southern California.

Proposal: Describe your research on the Asian Pacific American community in detail, including the relation of this work to other community-oriented research on the Asian Pacific American community in Southern California.

Rose Eng Chin & Helen Wong Eng Fellowship

Award: 1 award at \$2,000

Criteria: Academic record, application and proposal must reflect student's interest in research on Asian Pacific American women.

Proposal: Describe your research project on Asian Pacific American women in detail, including the relation of this work to other research in the field of Asian Pacific American Studies and/or Women's Studies

George & Sakaye Aratani Graduate Fellowship

Award: 1 award at \$5,000

Eligibility: Continuing graduate or professional students at UCLA of Japanese ancestry. Fellowship recipients will be funded for research or creative project on a significant topic dealing with the Japanese American experience.

Criteria: Academic record

Proposal: Describe your research or creative project on the Japanese American experience in detail, including the relation of this work to other research or creative activity in the field of Japanese American Studies

Dr. Paul & Hisako Terasaki Fellowship

Award: 1 award at \$5,000

Eligibility: Continuing Japanese national graduate or professional school student enrolled at UCLA. Fellowship recipients will be funded for research or creative project on a significant topic dealing with the Japanese American experience.

Criteria: Academic record

Proposal: Describe your research or creative project on the Japanese American experience in detail, including the relation of this work to other research or creative activity in the field of Japanese American Studies

Pearl Wang Fellowship

Award: 1 award at \$5,000

Eligibility: Must be a continuing graduate or professional student enrolled at UCLA and is from the People's Republic of China. Fellowship recipients will be funded for research or creative project on a significant topic dealing with the Asian Pacific American experience.

Criteria: Academic record

Proposal: Describe your research or creative project on the Asian Pacific American experience in detail, including the relation of this work to other research or creative activity in the field of Asian Pacific American Studies.

Internship

Each internship is unique so carefully read through each internship for specifics.

21st Century Internship

Award: 1 award at \$1,500 per quarter

Eligibility: Must be a continuing graduate or professional school student who is in the Asian American Studies MA program, AAS Graduate Concentration and/or who is enrolled in AAS classes. Student will be funded for an internship with the UCLA Asian American Studies Center for two quarters during Summer/Fall, Fall/Winter or Winter/Spring. Student will intern for 10 weeks at about 10 hours per week for during the two quarters, working with faculty and/or staff on a special project or program.

Criteria: Academic record, application and personal essay must reflect student's interest in the field of Asian American and/or Pacific Island Studies.

Essay: Describe your interest and/or experience with the Asian American Studies Center and/or with the field of Asian American and/or Pacific Island Studies. Essay should be no more than 1 to 2 pages.

Dr. Sanbo and Kazuko Sakaguchi Graduate Internship

Award: 1 internship stipend of \$6,000

Terms: Ten week Summer internship at 30 hours per week during the period of late June to early September. Student will be funded for a proposed internship with a Japanese American community-based organization. Organizations for consideration are:

Kizuna <http://www.kizuna-la.org/>

Little Tokyo Service Center <http://ltsc.org/>

Little Tokyo Historical Society <http://www.littletokyohs.org/>

Every effort will be made to facilitate the internship opportunity so that the research interests and expertise of the student will match with the organization's mission and project needs.

The graduate student intern will be required to produce a report that documents the student's experiences and progress throughout the internship, including a critical reflection and understanding of the organization and its activities. In addition, the community-based organization may require the intern to complete a research product (e.g. report, video, etc).

Eligibility: Provide evidence of academic record and interest in Japanese American history, community based organizations and/or experience. Students with a demonstrated interest in Japanese American Studies, Asian American Studies, Ethnic Studies, Social Welfare, Public Health, Urban Planning, History, are encouraged to apply.

Academic Prize

Papers can be submitted that have been written for any academic course or be newly written papers.

Papers can be of any length but no more than 15 to 20 pages. Quality of paper is more important than quantity of pages.

Hiram Wheeler Edwards Prize for the Study of WWII Internment Camps & Japanese Americans

Award: One \$500 prize

Criteria: Academic record and most outstanding graduate paper on a topic related to the lessons learned from the World War II internment of Japanese Americans.

Professor Harry H.L. Kitano Graduate Prize

Award: One \$500 prize

Criteria: Academic record and most outstanding graduate paper relating to Asian Pacific Americans and social issues they face.

Wei-Lim Lee Memorial Prize

Award: One \$500 prize

Criteria: Academic record and most outstanding graduate essay or research paper on Chinese immigrants whether in the United States or other countries outside of China, can be focused on a historical or contemporary topic.

Ben & Alice Hirano Academic Prize

Award: One \$500 prize

Criteria: Academic record and most outstanding graduate paper on Asian Pacific American history and/or experience.

Tsugio & Miyoko Nakanishi Prize in Asian American Literature & Culture

Award: One \$500 prize

Criteria: Academic record, outstanding graduate paper on Asian Pacific American literature, arts and culture.

Rose Eng Chin & Helen Wong Eng Prize

Award: One \$500 prize

Eligibility: Application must reflect student's interest in Asian Pacific American studies and/or Women's studies.

Criteria: Academic record and most outstanding graduate paper, thesis or dissertation on Asian Pacific American women.