

# ASIANetwork Initiatives

*The ASIANetwork Consultancy Advisory Program  
ASIANetwork Freeman Foundation College in Asia Summer Institutes  
Freeman Mentor Program  
United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia Opportunities  
Japan Foundation Grant*

## **THE ASIANetwork CONSULTANCY ADVISORY PROGRAM**

The ASIANetwork Consultancy Advisory Program is a service to ASIANetwork member institutions seeking outside advice on how to strengthen the study of Asia on their campuses. This service can provide suggestions about how to design a consultancy and can identify experienced consultants from established Asian studies programs at liberal arts colleges.

### **HISTORY**

The Consultancy Advisory Program is the successor of the ASIANetwork Consultancy Program funded by a grant from The Henry Luce Foundation. Over a four-year period beginning in 1994 the Consultancy Program matched consultants with twenty-one colleges seeking advice on such matters as how to initiate or strengthen Asian language instruction, enhance library collections of materials on Asian regions, develop stronger study-in-Asia initiatives, locate possible sources of financial and other support, or improve the overall quality of an Asian Studies major.

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

Consultancy visits often dramatically affect host colleges by helping them better recognize existing faculty, library, and institutional assets; by strengthening the community of Asianists on campus; and by enriching the dialogue between college faculty and administrators. Drawing from a pool of thirty experienced consultants who served in the Luce-funded program and its four-year experience in conducting consultancies, the ASIANetwork Consultancy Advisory Program can recommend possible consultants to interested institutions and suggest effective ways to prepare for a consultant's visit while maintaining a reasonable level of costs.

In 1998-99 two former ASIANetwork Luce-funded consultants, Stanley Mickel (Wittenberg University) and Dorothy Borei (Guilford College), each conducted a consultancy based on the model developed under the Luce grant. Three consultancies are in advanced planning stages for academic year 1999-2000.

ASIANetwork asks nothing for this advisory service. It is available free to ASIANetwork member institutions.

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## **ASIANetwork FREEMAN FOUNDATION COLLEGE IN ASIA SUMMER INSTITUTES**

**NOTE:** *Since the 2000 College in Asia Institute is the last one funded in the current Freeman grant, we urge that special attention be given to this description and that schools with possible interest in such a program apply this fall.*

The best way to begin to understand Asia is to spend some time in the region, and an effective way to expand an Asian Studies program is to sponsor an on-site program in Asia. One of the most successful overseas terms for students has been the program offered by Augustana College since 1974. Under this arrangement about seventy-five students spend their entire fall term in several countries in East Asia, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, and on a few occasions the Philippines and South Korea. Since this program is intended to be an integral part of a liberal arts education, students are drawn from many disciplines. They need not have competence in an Asian language nor have an Asian discipline focus; they simply need to have a desire to learn more about a region that has a unique and lengthy history and that will become increasingly important in the coming century.

The College in Asia Summer Institutes provide training for more liberal arts college and universities to establish such liberal arts oriented on-site study programs in Asia. The Freeman Foundation grant provided for three summer institutes in Asia (1998, 1999, 2000) administered by Augustana College, and directed by Professor Norman Moline. Each summer institute involves five ASIANetwork institutions, each represented by a faculty member and an administrator. Nine schools participated in the first two institutes: Brenau University, Eckerd College, Elms College,

Fairfield University, Hiram College, John Carroll University, St. Olaf College, Spelman College and William Woods University. The 2000 Institute will be the last one under the current grant. Six colleges and universities will be selected for this program.

Like its predecessors, the 2000 Institute will be about three weeks long, probably beginning June 9 and ending July 3. It will begin with a one day orientation in Chicago at which time participants will be introduced to key personnel from the consulates or comparable offices of China, Japan and Taiwan, from the Japan National Tourist Organization, and from Japan Air Lines which has been the carrier for Augustana and these institutes. Then, the group spends three weeks in Japan (primarily in Tokyo and Kyoto), Taiwan, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and China.

At each location participants will be introduced to the educational potential of the site and to many offices and individuals who might be of special assistance in planning future programs. The summer institute will conclude in Beijing, at which time participants will begin to consider development of their own liberal arts oriented overseas study terms to fit their unique calendar, curriculum, faculty background and student enrollment circumstances.

When participants return home, they are expected to work with appropriate administrators and faculty to try to develop on-site study programs. The Freeman Foundation will support one trip to each college by Professor Moline to consult on the project at a time deemed important by the host institution. At the end of the three years a summary workshop for all fifteen participating institutions will be held, perhaps at Augustana College or at the site of the ASIANetwork annual meeting in 2001. That will be a time for sharing ideas and offering recommendations to each other and to ASIANetwork regarding overseas study terms.

#### **PROGRAM DETAILS**

All travel expenses (transportation from Chicago, meals, lodging, visas, ground transportation, etc.) for participants will be covered by the grant. Participants also will receive a \$2,000 stipend. Participants are expected to attend the workshop at the end of the cycle. Each participating school is expected to make a sincere commitment and a diligent effort to establish a term-in-Asia program at the conclusion of the institute. The Freeman Foundation desires to see this model in similar or modified form implemented at all fifteen participating colleges.

The only expenses which each institution must cover are: a) the registration fees and travel costs for one or both institute participants to attend the ASIANetwork annual meeting prior to the summer (in Lisle, Illinois, in 2000), b) travel costs to and from Chicago in June 2000, and c) lodging and meals for the director when he visits the campus for a consultation.

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Each institution needs to demonstrate that it has a

core faculty with interests and discipline competence in some region of Asia and that it has a commitment to strengthen its Asian program in the future. The committee will balance institutions with solid on-campus Asian programs which now might want to add an overseas study component with those institutions which might want to use an overseas term as a base for building a program. The Summer Institutes are intended primarily for colleges which would like to establish independent overseas terms. Colleges interested in developing a jointly sponsored and administered overseas term with other colleges also may apply.

To be considered for selection, the institution should demonstrate how the cooperative overseas term would enhance the regular on-campus academic program at each institution. One administrator-faculty team would represent the institution. The faculty member for each institution should have an academic background in some aspect of Asian studies and an interest in leading an effort to develop an overseas study term. The administrator should be a person in a position where he/she could play an important role in developing an overseas term at that college.

The application forms includes spaces for the following information: total college enrollment, the list of college courses focusing on Asia and their recent enrollment numbers, any faculty and staff with Asian backgrounds (including those currently teaching and those who want to become a part of the program), any current on-site programs in Asia sponsored by the institution itself or by some consortium, the academic calendar, the reasons for applying, and a letter of administrative support/commitment to seriously consider development of an overseas program or expansion of an existing program at the end of the institute. The completed application with all supporting materials must be received by Professor Madeline Chu no later than November 30, 1999.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information may be secured by contacting Professor Madeline Chu, ASIANetwork Freeman Programs Director, Chinese Language and Literature, Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49006, tel. (616) 337-7325, e-mail [chu@kzoo.edu](mailto:chu@kzoo.edu), or Professor Norman Moline, ASIANetwork Freeman Foundation Summer Institute Director, Department of Geography, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois 61201, tel. (309) 794-7303, e-mail [ggmoline@augustana.edu](mailto:ggmoline@augustana.edu).

**Mark your calendar now! The ASIANetwork Conference is April 28-30, 2000 at the Hickory Ridge Conference Center in Lisle, Illinois.**

## **ASIANetwork FREEMAN STUDENT-FACULTY FELLOWS PROGRAM 2000 FELLOWSHIP GRANT**

This fellowship program supports collaborative research by ten student-faculty pairs from ASIANetwork colleges each year through summer 2001. The student researcher and the faculty mentor both go to Asia during the summer to explore a common scholarly interest as defined by the student and share a cultural experience. Both are expected to be in Asia actively working together on this research for at least three weeks, but additional work/travel can be done independently by either faculty or student before or after this collaboration.

The primary aim of this program is to support student research in Asia under the close supervision of a faculty mentor. It seeks to promote the academic and professional development of the paired student and faculty with the expectation that they will share their findings and experiences with their campus community and with ASIANetwork. This program is directed by Professor Teodora O. Amoloza of Illinois Wesleyan University.

### **Eligibility**

The student and faculty mentor are to apply as a team. Any faculty person teaching at an ASIANetwork member institution and any undergraduate student from the same member institution, including seniors who can complete the proposed research project by August 31 of their senior year, may apply for the fellowship.

### **Stipend, Expenses and Institutional Commitment**

The program provides up to \$5,000 for each student and up to \$5,000 for each faculty member, depending upon the needs of the researchers and their careful documentation of expenditures. This grant can be used for transportation, lodging, meals and all incidental expenses. An additional \$1,000 is available to the faculty member to acquire books and other teaching materials. A \$2,000 stipend is given to the faculty mentor by ASIANetwork upon submission of a project report including detailed financial expenses of both the faculty and the student attested by the institution's chief financial officer.

The home institution of the student and faculty fellows should commit to the following:

1. Administering the funds allocated by the grant to meet the expenses of the faculty member and student. ASIANetwork sends grant money to the home institution and then its Business Office should disburse the money to the faculty and student in accordance with its internal procedures. The ASIANetwork Freeman Foundation grant does

not pay an administrative fee to the home institution for this service.

2. Providing financial support for the faculty participant to attend one ASIANetwork annual conference. The faculty fellow is required to attend two ASIANetwork conferences: the conference in the spring prior to the summer fellowship for briefings and the next spring meeting to report on the research project. The institution should commit to support the attendance of the faculty member at one of these meetings. The fellowship grant money for expenses or stipend may be used to fund participation at the other meeting.

### **APPLICATION SCHEDULE FOR 2000 SUMMER FELLOWSHIP**

Five copies of the complete application packet (including transcript and recommendation letters) are due November 30, 1999. No electronic submissions (fax or e-mail) will be accepted. These restrictions are necessary because applications will be reviewed by five independent judges.

Please send applications to the ASIANetwork Freeman Programs Director's Office: Dr. Madeline Chu ASIANetwork Freeman Programs Director Chinese Language and Literature Kalamazoo College Kalamazoo, MI 49006, tel. (616) 337-7325, fax (616) 337-7251, e-mail [chu@kzoo.edu](mailto:chu@kzoo.edu)

Questions about the program should be directed to: Dr. Teodora (Teddy) O. Amoloza Director, ASIANetwork Freeman Fellows Program, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL 61702-2900, tel. (309) 556-3405 or 3375, fax (309) 556-3719, e-mail [tamoloza@titan.iwu.edu](mailto:tamoloza@titan.iwu.edu)

## **UNITED BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION IN ASIA OPPORTUNITIES**

The United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, founded in the 1920s by North American Protestant denominations working in China, is dedicated to programs that foster academic excellence at colleges and universities in Asia. The United Board is an autonomous, not-for-profit educational agency chartered by the Regents of the University of the State of New York.

The United Board maintains long-term relationships with over eighty colleges and universities in Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Myanmar, the Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. In 1999-2000, the United Board will provide over \$5,000,000 in grants to schools and scholars in Asia. Grants include support for:

- \*scholarly exchanges within Asia and between Asia and the West,
- \*academic training, including degree programs, for faculty

at Asian schools,

\*academic research, library development, and curriculum development,

\*women's studies programs,

\*professional development and training for administrators

\*training programs that address the needs of the local community,

\*campus chaplaincies and programs that explore spiritual issues, affirm Christian presence, and promote interfaith dialogue,

\*programs that focus on ethnic minorities and those with special needs.

### **THE VISITING PROFESSOR PROGRAM FOR NORTH AMERICAN FACULTY TO TEACH IN ASIA**

The United Board arranges placement of faculty members from ASIANetwork member institutions at Board-related colleges and universities in Asia. We are most likely to get requests for visiting professors from our partner institutions in China and in Vietnam, although occasionally requests may come from other parts of Asia. Visiting professors teach courses to graduate students and junior and senior undergraduates, and on occasion, to junior faculty. Classes are usually conducted in English.

Recent placements in China include professors in the fields of communications, law, library and information science, linguistics, music, religious studies, and sociology. Placements in Vietnam focus primarily on professors in the fields of linguistics, TESOL, and English.

Most teaching assignments are made for the September-June academic year, with the possibility of renewal. The program provides a monthly living stipend plus transportation costs and medical insurance. Housing is provided by the host institution. Teaching responsibilities are typically between twelve to fifteen hours per week.

Letters of interest are invited from faculty of ASIANetwork institutions who work in any area of the humanities and social sciences. Current as well as recently retired professors are welcome to apply. For additional information, please contact:

For China placements: Anne Ofstedal, China Program Director, tel. (212) 870-3113, fax (212) 870-2322, e-mail [anne@ubchea.org](mailto:anne@ubchea.org).

For Vietnam and other Southeast Asian placements: Rita Pullium, Vice President, tel. (212) 870-2702, fax (212) 870-2322, e-mail [rita@ubchea.org](mailto:rita@ubchea.org).

For all other questions: United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 1221 New York, NY 10115, tel, (212) 870-2680, fax, (212) 870-2322, e-mail [staff@ubchea.org](mailto:staff@ubchea.org), website [www.unitedboard.org](http://www.unitedboard.org)

### **THE VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM FOR ASIAN FACULTY TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN AN ASIANetwork INSTITUTION**

ASIANetwork institutions are invited to host a visiting scholar from Asia for an academic year. The United

Board annually arranges one-year residencies for fifteen or more visiting scholars from the Board's partner colleges and universities in Asia. A visiting scholar conducts research, audits courses, works closely with a faculty counterpart from the host institution, and may be invited to teach or team-teach one course in the spring semester. Recent visiting scholars have been specialists in such disciplines as education, communications, history, literature, music, political science, psychology, and women's studies. Efforts are made to find the best match between a scholar's interests and the host institution.

United Board funding covers most program costs, including a scholar's airfare, living stipend, medical insurance, orientation, and final wrap-up session. Host institutions are expected to arrange housing and make arrangements for the scholars to pursue academic research, lecture, and maintain regular contact with the assigned counterpart. Host institutions are requested to cover housing costs. The United Board can offer housing subsidies in certain cases.

For the 1999-2000 academic year, sixteen scholars from China, India, Korea, the Philippines, and Vietnam have been placed in ASIANetwork member colleges and universities in the U.S. A similar number of scholars is expected to receive United Board grants for this program in 2000-2001. Inquiries from institutions who wish to host a scholar are welcome at any time. Most 2000-2001 visiting scholar placements will be arranged by the end of April 2000.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF JAPAN FOUNDATION GRANT FOR 2000 CONFERENCE**

ASIANetwork has received a grant of \$2,480 from the Research/Professional Conference Grant Program of the Japan Foundation for our annual conference to be held April 28-30, 2000 in Chicago. These funds will be used to support the two keynote speakers, Dr. Anthony Yu and Dr. William LeFluer, and a shakuhachi performance by Mr. Michael Gould on Saturday afternoon. Preparation of the grant proposal was a cooperative effort by members of the Development Committee of the Board of Directors led by Dr. Henry Rosemont. We are grateful to the Japan Foundation for this recognition of the importance of the work being done by ASIANetwork.