ASIANetwork Initiatives

Asian Art in the Undergraduate Curriculum
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This project seeks to focus on significant but generally less widely known aesthetically and pedagogically important works of Asian art and material culture that exist on our college campuses. Asian art historians and professionals visit selected campuses as consultants to identify works appropriate to this project. In 2005-2006, eight institutions namely, Beloit College, Connecticut College, DePauw University, Dickinson College, Earlham College, Eckerd College, Guilford College, and Wittenberg University received consultancy visits. This coming year, eight more schools namely, Fairfield University, Luther College, Marietta College, Ohio Wesleyan University, Union College, St. Lawrence University, Wooster College, and Washington & Lee University will receive consultancy visits. Eight more consultancies are available for next academic year. Undergraduate liberal arts schools that have large, medium or even minuscule collections of Asian art and/or material culture are invited to apply. The application deadline for the last round of consultancies is January 8, 2007. For further information contact Dr. Stan Mickel, Project Director, Wittenberg University, 200 West Ward Street, Springfield, OH 45501 (smickel@wittenberg.edu, phone 937-327-6354).

Student-Faculty Fellows Program
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Now in its ninth year, this grant enables individual faculty at liberal arts colleges to take up to five students to East and Southeast Asia to conduct undergraduate research activities. Faculty mentor and students apply as a team. During the past eight years, 361 persons have participated in this program. Funding is available for up to sixty persons (mentors and students combined) to study in Asia during the summer of 2007. Deadline for application is December 1, 2006 with notification in March 2007. For additional information contact Dr. Van J. Symons, Program Director, Augustana College, 639 – 38th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201-2296 (hisymons@augustana.edu, phone 309-794-7413).

The ASIANetwork Consultancy Program

The ASIANetwork Consultancy Program is a service to ASIANetwork member institutions seeking outside advice on ways to strengthen the study of Asia on their campuses. Drawing from a pool of over thirty experienced consultants who have served in the program from 1994 to the present, the ASIANetwork Consultancy Program can recommend a list of possible consultants to interested institutions and help with the planning of the campus visit. ASIANetwork charges no fee for this service, although colleges who wish to make use of it should plan on covering the travel expenses of the consultants selected and provide consultants with a reasonable honorarium. For more information, please contact Professor P. Richard Bohr, College of Saint Benedict & Saint John’s University, St. Joseph, MN 56374 (rbohr@csbsju.edu, phone: 320-363-5918).

For additional details on all these programs, visit our website at www.asianetwork.org.