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GSAS – CU International Travel Fellowship Application

The GSAS-CU International Travel Fellowship is open to GSAS students in the Arts and Sciences who will have completed all of the requirements for the Ph.D. degree except the dissertation by September 1st of the year of proposed travel and will not be beyond their seventh year of study. Travel Fellowships provide funding in the 2008-2009 academic year for international travel (outside of the United States) that is necessary for the completion of the dissertation. The funds may not be used for research in residence.

New in 2008-2009: You may apply for the Travel Fellowship for either one semester or two semesters (one academic year). Please specify in your application whether your proposed project is for one semester (\$11,500) or two semesters (\$23,000).

Deadline for submission of all materials to 107 Low Library, Attn: GSAS Traveling Fellowship Competition is the **first Monday in February**.

GSAS wants to fund the maximum number of GSAS students possible, so we require that GSAS-CU Travel Fellowship recipients who are offered a full external travel fellowship for the academic year accept that other award. However, if the other award is not as generous in stipend, GSAS will supplement the stipend up to that level.

The terms of the GSAS-CU Travel Fellowship prohibit recipients from holding teaching assignments concurrently.

The following information must be submitted by the deadline for consideration:

1) **A cover page**- including your name, mailing address, phone, e-mail, department, working title of dissertation, first date of registration, names of two recommenders, and country or countries of travel (non United States destinations only).

2) **A GSAS transcript**- Transcripts can be ordered on-line at <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/registrar/docs/students/transcripts.html> (undergraduate transcripts are not necessary).

3) **A project proposal**. A maximum of three single-spaced typed pages, which should include a justification of your need to travel and a specific discussion of your research plans during the period of the grant. Note: Please do not submit a copy of your departmental dissertation prospectus. Your proposal will be read by an inter-departmental faculty committee and should emphasize the potential of your research to make a contribution to your particular field and to scholarship in general.

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4) A statement of your language preparation for research abroad. On a separate sheet of paper, please comment on the language(s) needed to carry out your research and your proficiency in each.

5) A schedule for completion of research and writing. Please be as specific as possible for either the one-semester or two-semester project.

6) Two letters of reference. Recommendations must be provided on letterhead. All recommendations should specifically endorse your research project and your travel plans. It is the student's responsibility to insure that recommendations are received by 107 Low. They may either be included with the application (in signed and sealed envelopes) or they may be submitted directly to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Attn: Travel Fellowship.

7) A proposed budget. The proposed budget should include anticipated living costs, travel expenses, and a project allowance. The project allowance is for items such as additional travel within the country, books, photocopying, archive access fees, videotapes, film, etc. The project allowance is not intended for permanent items such as computers or cameras. The maximum budget amount is \$23,000 (\$11,500 for one-semester awards).

The GSAS-CU International Travel Fellowships are funded through GSAS and the Office of the Vice President for Arts and Sciences and only students in the Arts and Sciences are eligible to receive these awards.

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