

Pre-Dissertation Travel Grants

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Jointly funded by the Office of the Vice President for International Affairs and the University Graduate School, this competition will award at least seven fellowships for research-related travel abroad during summer 2010. Each fellowship will consist of a \$1,000 stipend, plus round-trip economy airfare from Indianapolis to the location where work will be conducted.

The purpose of this program is to help support *six- to eight-week trips* for preliminary dissertation fieldwork activities, such as exploring potential research sites, archives and other research resources; establishing institutional affiliations; and identifying and meeting with local scholars and contacts as appropriate. Applicants must outline a plan that is designed to secure the feasibility of their eventual dissertation plans.

These grants are intended for students who will apply in the 2010-2011 academic year for external funding to conduct their dissertation research abroad beginning in fall 2011 or spring 2012. Priority will be given to applicants who plan activities designed to increase their competitiveness for extramural international dissertation research grants.

Evaluators will consider scholarship achievement; validity and feasibility of the proposal; requisite language facility; faculty support as indicated by letters of reference; impact the work will have on the dissertation research plan and competitiveness for dissertation research funding applications; and availability of alternate sources of funding.

Applicants may be students from any discipline, department, or campus; must be enrolled in a program leading to the Ph.D. at Indiana University; and must have completed at least two years of graduate course work prior to the beginning date of proposed research--at least one year at IU. *Students admitted to doctoral candidacy prior to fall 2010 are not eligible.*

Information and application materials are available below.

Application Deadline:

Completed applications and supporting materials must be received by 5pm, February 19, 2010. Submit applications to: Paul Fogleman, OVPIA

201 N. Indiana Ave., Bloomington, IN 47408

Tel: (812) 855-3948; Fax: (812) 855-6271

Email: pfoglema@indiana.edu

Summer 2010 Pre-Dissertation Travel Grant Application Form

- Eligibility Checklist: Completed 2 years of graduate coursework (1 at IU) by Summer 2010
 Enrolled in an IU program leading to a Ph.D. degree
 Will not be admitted to doctoral candidacy prior to August 2010

Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Country of Citizenship _____

Present Address _____
Street _____ City, State, Zip _____
Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

EDUCATION

Degree you are currently working toward _____

Department _____ Campus _____

Dates you have completed/expect to complete: Masters Degree _____

Prelims/Qualifying Exams _____

Doctorate _____

Approximate date you expect to begin ***dissertation*** fieldwork: _____

List all colleges and universities attended, highest degree(s) earned and date(s) awarded.

(Mo/Year)	Institution	Degree Earned	Date Awarded
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Very briefly describe your research topic in the space provided (20 words maximum):

Country(ies) to which you are applying to travel for pre-Dissertation research with this grant:

List the name and application due date for any and all ***dissertation*** grants/fellowships for which you will apply: (i.e. Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Grant, October 2010)

GRANT NAME: _____	APPLICATION DUE DATE: _____
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PREVIOUS TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Please provide details of all previous visits to the country/countries that this proposal involves. Including approximate dates, length of visit, purpose of visit, and source of funding for trip.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Attach a statement of *two to three* pages describing the objectives and goals of your proposed pre-dissertation trip.

PROPOSED ITINERARY

List all points of travel related to your proposed project and return to the United States and approximate dates of travel.

On _____ (date) I will depart from _____ for _____ (city).

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On _____ (date) I will depart from _____(city) for _____.

INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE

Each fellowship consists of round-trip economy airfare from Indianapolis to the location where work will be conducted, plus \$1000 stipend. Please enter an estimate of the cost for round-trip economy airfare from Indianapolis to your target location: \$_____

Contact a travel agent to secure an estimate, if necessary. This estimate assists our office in determining the number of grants that can be awarded within the program budget. Final awards will be based on the actual cost of the itinerary to be purchased.

LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

Language of Host Country: _____

Number of years of formal language study of this language you have completed: _____

Please indicate your proficiency in speaking, listening comprehension, reading and writing.

Scale: 0 (None) 1 (Poor) 2 (Fair) 3 (Adequate) 4 (Good) 5 (Excellent) N (Native)

Speaking	0	1	2	3	4	5	N
Listening Comprehension	0	1	2	3	4	5	N
Reading	0	1	2	3	4	5	N
Writing	0	1	2	3	4	5	N

TRANSCRIPTS

Print an unofficial copy of your Indiana University transcript from the web-based service at <https://onestart.iu.edu> and attach it. Be sure the transcript shows your current enrollment for Spring 2010. Make sure each page is labeled with your name. Also attach photocopies of transcripts for all other **university-level** work.

LANGUAGE EVALUATION

Please ask a faculty member, preferably from Indiana University, familiar with your language proficiency to complete the enclosed Foreign Language Report. List below the name, address, phone number and e-mail address of the person you have asked to provide this evaluation.

Name	Address	Phone	E-mail
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REFERENCES

Please ask two faculty members, preferably from Indiana University, to complete the attached Reference forms. List below the name, address, phone number and e-mail address of each person you have asked to provide these references.

Name	Address	Phone	E-mail
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1. _____

2. _____

A complete application will include the following

- a) completed application form (all responses *must* be completed)
- b) personal statement;
- c) transcripts from all university-level academic work;
- d) Foreign Language Report form; sealed in an envelope over the flap.
- e) two References forms or letters, sealed in an envelope signed over the flap.

*** DO NOT STAPLE ANY PART OF THIS APPLICATION ***

I hereby certify that all information that I have given above and have provided for this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

<p>DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR THIS GRANT, INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.</p>

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Summer 2010 Pre-Dissertation Travel Grant Foreign Language Report

Applicant Name _____ Department _____

Language Being Evaluated _____

(Remainder of form to be completed by referee)

1. Comment on applicant's present language ability in relation to the project in each of these categories:

AURAL COMPREHENSION:

- _____ None
- _____ Limited to slow, uncomplicated sentences
- _____ Understands simple conversation
- _____ Understands conversation on simple academic topics
- _____ Understands sophisticated discussion of academic topics

SPEAKING ABILITY:

- _____ None
- _____ Can only frame structurally simple, short utterances
- _____ Uses basic grammatical structure, speaking with limited vocabulary
- _____ Uses structural patterns, but not with consistent accuracy. Adequate to handle conversational subjects
- _____ Has control over structural patterns; can handle a wide range of conversational situations

READING ABILITY:

- _____ None
- _____ Limited to simple vocabulary and sentence structure
- _____ Understands conventional topics and non-technical subjects
- _____ Understands materials whose content contains idioms and specialized terminology
- _____ Understands sophisticated materials including field of proposed study literature

WRITING ABILITY:

- _____ None
- _____ Writes simple sentences on conventional topics, with some errors in spelling and structure
- _____ Writes on academic topics with few errors in structure and spelling
- _____ Writes with idiomatic ease of expression and feeling for the style of the language

2. Mark (X) appropriate box to indicate your general opinion of this applicant's foreign language ability.

- _____ Should have no difficulty
- _____ Should be able to manage adequately after a short period of adjustment abroad
- _____ Should be able to manage adequately after some additional formal language training
- _____ Will require considerable training before necessary competence can be attained

3. Is the applicant's present language competence adequate to carry out the proposed work?

_____ Yes _____ No

METHOD: Indicate briefly how the evaluation was determined.

Referee Signature _____ Date _____
Name and Title _____
Institution _____

Return this evaluation form either to the applicant in a sealed envelope (signed over the closure)

or mail directly to: Paul Fogleman, OVPIA

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Please submit this by 5:00pm on Monday, March 1, 2010.

Summer 2010 Pre-Dissertation Travel Grant Reference Form

Applicant's Name and
Department: _____

Reference Name:

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- **Sign below if you give up the right to read this recommendation.**
This means that the recommender's statement will remain confidential.
- Do not sign below if you wish to read the recommendation.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

REMAINDER OF FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY REFERENCE

This student is applying for a fellowship to support a 6- to 8-week pre-dissertation trip during Summer 2010. Please respond to the following questions, either on this page or on a separate sheet. Please sign below and initial any attached sheets.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
2. What is your opinion of the merit and importance of the student's proposal?
3. Please comment specifically on the feasibility of the applicant's proposal and the role this preliminary trip may play in securing the feasibility of the dissertation plan.

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