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Indiana University  
Office of the Vice President  
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## Pre-dissertation Research Grant

### **Pre-dissertation Grants for Graduate Students jointly funded by the Office of the Vice President for International Affairs and the University Graduate School**

Grants are for the summer 2012 period. Application deadline is **Feb. 17, 2012**

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Pre-dissertation research travel grants will be awarded to 8-10 students for research-related travel abroad during summer 2012. 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 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 2012-2013 academic year for external funding to conduct their dissertation research. Priority is given to applicants who plan activities designed to increase their competitiveness for external international dissertation research grants.

A multidisciplinary committee of faculty members from the IU campuses will review applications for this program and select candidates for the grant. 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. Applicants are encouraged to establish affiliations in their respective host country and include letters of invitation if available.

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 being at IU. Students admitted to doctoral candidacy prior to Aug. 1, 2012 are not eligible.

For inquiries about the grant contact Paul Fogleman at [pfoglema@indiana.edu](mailto:pfoglema@indiana.edu); (812) 855-3948.

The application starts on the next page of this document. It can be submitted by turning in a hard copy or sending it via email as a pdf document.

#### **Submit materials to:**

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# Summer 2012 Pre-Dissertation Travel Grant Application

- Eligibility Checklist:  Completed 2 years of graduate coursework (1 at IU) by summer 2012  
 Enrolled in an IU program leading to a Ph.D. degree  
 Will not be admitted to doctoral candidacy prior to Aug. 1, 2012

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.

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

Briefly describe your research topic in the space provided:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 dissertation-related grants/fellowships for which you will apply: (i.e. Fulbright, Boren, NSF)

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.

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**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Attach a statement of up to 2 pages (12 pt. font; single spaced) 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).  
On \_\_\_\_\_ (date) I will depart from \_\_\_\_\_(city) for \_\_\_\_\_ (city).  
On \_\_\_\_\_ (date) I will depart from \_\_\_\_\_(city) for \_\_\_\_\_ (city).  
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 a \$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

## 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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## TRANSCRIPTS

Print out an unofficial copy of your Indiana University transcript from OneStart at <https://onestart.iu.edu/>. Attach photocopies of transcripts for graduate work at other universities.

## REFERENCES

Ask two faculty members, one from Indiana University, to complete the attached Reference form. List below the name, department and e-mail address of your references.

Name	Department	E-mail
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1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

A complete application will include the following

- a) completed application form;
- b) personal statement;
- c) transcripts from all graduate-level academic work;
- d) Foreign Language Report form;
- e) two References.

I 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

### Application Deadline:

**Completed applications must be received by 5pm, February 17, 2012 including language reports and reference letters.**

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**Summer 2012 Pre-Dissertation Travel Grant  
Foreign Language Report**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Language Evaluated \_\_\_\_\_

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**(Remainder of form to be completed by evaluator)**

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 how the evaluation was determined.

Evaluator's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Department \_\_\_\_\_

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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 pre-dissertation trip during summer 2012. 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?
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