2015-2016 Asian Studies Scholarship

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Purpose: The PSU Asian Studies Scholarship, administered by the Institute for Asian Studies, provides funding, annually, for 1-3 PSU students studying an Asian language and/or about Asia.

Award amount: 1 – 3 scholarships, up to $5,000, awarded annually for the academic year. Award amount will depend on the length of the study program, location, budget, and other support.

Application deadline: May 1, 2015 at 5:00 PM (see submission details below)

Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

- Eligible candidates must:
  (a) Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident;
  (b) Be enrolled full-time or be accepted for full-time enrollment at Portland State University, as a degree-seeking undergraduate or graduate student;
  (c) Be pursuing an academic program at PSU, or abroad, with a focus on Asia and/or Asian language studies.

- Selection priority will be given to:
  (a) under-represented student(s),
  (b) student(s) admitted to a PSU approved study abroad program in an Asian country,
  (c) student(s) who are a first-time visitor to the desired study-abroad country.

1 Students with an interest in Japan or Japanese language studies or who will study abroad to Japan are encouraged to apply for the Scholarship offered by Center for Japanese Studies.

2 Under-represented students include, but are not limited to: economically disadvantaged students, first-generation college students (neither parent has a four-year college degree from any country), students with disabilities and/or ethnic and racially diverse students.

Scholarship Requirements:
Students who are awarded the scholarship are required to share their experiences and lessons learned with other students through presentations, mentoring, and/or publications, including contributing to promotional materials through the PSU Institute for Asian Studies.
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Required Application Materials:

East application must include the following documents:

☐ A completed & signed Application Form

☐ A personal statement/statement of purpose (maximum 500 words) that:
  - Elaborates on any special circumstances relevant to the selection criteria of this scholarship;
  - Describes any extenuating circumstances or challenges you have experienced related to access to education, study abroad opportunities, or achieving your educational or career goals;
  - Describes your objectives for pursuing Asia-related studies, Asian language studies, and/or a study abroad program in Asia. In other words, how does this scholarship and your academic focus on Asia, Asian language, and/or study abroad in Asia relate to and complement your academic, career or personal goals?

☐ Confirmation of your enrollment in, or acceptance to, your proposed course of study or study abroad program. This can include a print-out of your course registration for the current and/or up-coming term or a letter of acceptance. If you haven’t been accepted yet to a study abroad program, please submit a brochure or print-out of the program description.

☐ Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.

☐ Two Letters of Recommendation (at least one letter must be from a professor or academic advisor)

☐ A Detailed Budget Form of your anticipated expenses and any sources of funding you have already secured;

☐ A Statement of Financial Need (maximum 250 words)
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**Application Process:**
Submit all required application materials to

PSU Institute for Asian Studies
Attn: Asian Studies Scholarship
Located in **East Hall room 101**, 632 SW Hall St., Portland State University

Or by e-mail to: asianstudies@pdx.edu

Or via regular mail to
Institute for Asian Studies
Attn: PSU Asian Studies Scholarship
Portland State University
PO Box 751
Portland, OR 97207

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all materials including letters of recommendation, are received by the Institute for Asian Studies by the application deadline. Only complete applications from students who meet the scholarship eligibility criteria will be accepted.

Scholarship awards are determined by the PSU Asian Studies Scholarship Committee chaired by the Director/Interim Director of the Institute for Asian Studies.

By signing page 2 of the PSU Asian Studies Scholarship Application Form, applicants certify
- that they have read and understand the Terms of this Scholarship;
- that their application documents are complete and true;
- That they authorize Portland State University to furnish copies of their academic record, their Asian Studies Scholarship application documents and letters of recommendation to the PSU Asian Studies Scholarship Selection Committee for review and consideration.
- And that if selected for a scholarship the applicants authorize release of information for publicity purposes.

**Application Deadline:** 5:00 PM, Friday, May 1, 2015

**Notice of Award(s)** will be made by June 12, 2015.