



June 1, 2011

Ms. Jean Tai
Foreign Affairs Office
National Tsinghua University
Taiwan

Dear Ms. Tai,

In the past few decades, the Harvard-Yenching Institute has had more than 50 affiliated universities and institutions that are eligible to nominate candidates to its visiting scholars and fellows program. As you may have observed, the program has become increasingly competitive in recent years. With an eye toward making our partnerships more dynamic to reflect the changing conditions of higher education in East Asia, the Harvard-Yenching Institute has conducted a review of the Institute's partner universities this year. As a result, some universities will be invited to nominate candidates every year, and others will be asked to participate in the programs every other year. A very few universities are no longer affiliated with the Institute. We would like to notify you that your University is invited to continue nominating candidates to our program every other year. Please identify and nominate candidates to our program by September 30, 2011 for the academic year 2012-13. (The following round for your university will be for the year 2014-15.) We hope that, with fewer total nominations from our partner universities each year, the chance for nominated candidates from your university to be selected for HYI programs will improve.

For the academic year 2012-13, your institution may nominate up to a total of 4 candidates (2 for visiting scholars program and 2 for visiting fellows program) from among your most promising scholars for application to our programs. In conjunction with the mission of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, nominated scholars must be working in the humanities and social sciences with an emphasis on culture. We seek outstanding scholars whose work is academic rather than applied. Scholars whose research focus is comparative, and includes one or more Asian countries, are especially welcome. This year, we will continue the centralized interview process that was put in place three years ago. In addition, we would like to remind you that there is no longer an age limit for applicants; however, preference will be given to younger scholars who are in the early stages of their academic career. We would greatly appreciate it if you could post the Harvard-Yenching Institute fellowship program information on your university web site for wide circulation.

The following is a summary of our programs:

Visiting Scholars Program

This program offers faculty members in the humanities and social sciences the opportunity to undertake 11 months of study and research at Harvard University. Approximately 10 to 15 applicants are chosen each year as researchers at the Harvard-Yenching Institute, and have access to the Harvard University libraries and facilities. Scholars are provided with living



expenses while at the Institute. Applicants and university/academy administrators will be notified of selection results in mid-February, 2012. The selection criteria include English proficiency, academic training (including PhD degree), quality and originality of the research proposal, demonstrated depth of subject knowledge, the feasibility of conducting the research at Harvard University and/or other major universities in the United States. Selected scholars are required to collaborate with faculty at Harvard and/or other appropriate universities, and to make at least one public presentation in English on their proposed research project during their stay at the Institute.

Recently the Harvard-Yenching Institute has embarked on a partnership with the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study of Harvard University to select a very small number of visiting scholars from HYI's partner institutions in Asia to spend the year in residence at the Radcliffe Institute. With this new opportunity in mind, the Harvard-Yenching Institute welcomes nominations to our visiting scholars program of outstanding faculty who work in *comparative and/or non-Asian fields* of study and have excellent command of academic English. The Radcliffe-HYI fellows (two for the 2011-12 academic year) are selected from among successful applicants to the HYI's regular visiting scholar program. No separate nomination is needed.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **September 30, 2011**.

Visiting Fellows Program

This program provides advanced PhD candidates (graduate students and junior faculty members) in your institution an opportunity to do dissertation research at Harvard University for three semesters, with access to Harvard University libraries and facilities. Fellows are provided with living expenses while at the Institute. All applicants and university/academy administrators will be notified of selection results in mid-February, 2012. In our selection process, preference is given to advanced graduate students and junior faculty members working in East Asian Studies, especially with a comparative focus. The selection criteria include academic training, quality and originality of the research proposal, depth of subject knowledge and feasibility of conducting the research at Harvard University.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **September 30, 2011**.

We ask that you send all of your completed applications via email, including letters of recommendation and the document of endorsement from the foreign affairs office, by September 30, 2011, to:

Ms. Lindsay Strogatz
<programs@harvard-yenching.org>

Please note that the Institute will return submitted applications to your office if there are more than 4 candidates nominated. In addition, the Institute does not accept individual applications for the above programs. Scholarship applications sent directly to the Institute without official approval by an authorized nominating institution will not be considered. Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter with Lindsay Strogatz via e-mail at



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<programs@harvard-yenching.org>, or by fax at 617.495.7798. We look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter. We appreciate your kind attention and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elizabeth J. Perry", on a light-colored rectangular background.

Elizabeth J. Perry
Director, Harvard-Yenching Institute

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Dr. Lih J. Chen, President, National Tsinghua University



APPENDIX

1. Eligibility:

Visiting Scholars Program candidates should have been serving at their home university for at least two years as a full time faculty. Scholars who gained their Ph.D. in an English speaking institution in the past five years are not eligible for applying for this program.

2. Coverage of the scholarships:

The following is the detailed information on the fellowship coverage:

Visiting Scholars Program:

Round trip airfare for a selected scholar;

A stipend of US \$3,500 per month for the period of residence in Cambridge, Massachusetts (for 11 months);

Fees for health insurance and the use of the Harvard Health Service;

Funding (up to \$500.00) for one-time participation in an academic conference within the USA and Canada.

Visiting Fellows Program:

Round trip airfare from a selected fellow's home institution to Boston;

Payment of the Harvard University Visiting Fellows fee;

A stipend adequate for a single scholar (for 2011-12, the monthly stipend is \$2,360);

Funding (up to \$500.00) for one-time participation in an academic conference within the USA and Canada.

3. Fields of Research

Candidates' fields of research in the humanities and social sciences to be considered:

Anthropology

Archaeology

History (including art history, economic history and legal history)

Linguistics

Literature

Philosophy

Politics

Study of Religion

Sociology

Scholars in the fields of Economics and Law may be considered, but need to check with the Institute before submitting applications. If the research field of any of your candidates falls out of the range mentioned above (e.g. economics, law), and you are not sure if the candidate is eligible for the program, please contact Lindsay Strogatz at <programs@harvard-yenching.org> before you submit your application.