Description

  👤 Program Description

Luce/ACLS Early Career Fellowships In China Studies – Flexible

In 2024-25, ACLS is offering two types of fellowship for early career scholars to support research, writing, and publicly engaged scholarship. Workshops and events for fellows will be held in 2025 and 2026.

Flexible fellowships are financially supported by the Henry Luce Foundation.

Flexible research fellowships will enable recent PhDs (without tenure and within eight years of the PhD) with heavy teaching and service responsibilities to carry out research and writing towards a significant scholarly product.

Possible project outcomes include, but are not limited to, contributions to the development of one or more of the following: monographs, scholarly articles, conference papers, book chapters, or book on a topic in the humanities or interpretive social sciences (https://www.acls.org/faqs/acls-faq/). ACLS also encourages projects that have the potential to contribute to:

- Pedagogical tools that make meaningful connections between a scholar's research and teaching.
- Works that bridge scholarly and creative practice.
- Community-engaged projects grounded in scholarly research but geared toward a public audience. Potential or actual community and/or student engagement with the research project is encouraged, as is the dissemination of the research to audiences across higher education.

These flexible, short-term awards may be used for access to online archives, travel, conference participation, childcare or elder care, and other needs identified in the application essay for accomplishing the proposed objectives.

Early Career fellowships support scholarly research in all disciplines of the humanities and the interpretive social sciences. Research may be conducted on any topic related to the cultures, histories, and societies in China, and their influence and impact on communities, countries, and cultures around the world, as required by the research plan. Research on Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, Tibet, and Xinjiang is eligible. The study of non-traditional sites (e.g., sites in Africa or Latin America) is also permitted, so long as there is a clearly articulated rationale for the relationship to China or Chinese-language communities and cultures. There are no restrictions regarding time period or methodological approach.

A working knowledge of Chinese is required, or knowledge of another language used in China studies (e.g., Tibetan, Uyghur).

The fellowship period must begin between July 1, 2025, and September 30, 2026.

PUBLICLY ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP

ACLS holds the core belief that knowledge is a public good. Applicants are strongly encouraged to consider the broader impact of their research, especially its potential to increase public engagement with humanistic knowledge and scholarship – from media and outreach to engaged research, teaching, and public programming (https://humanitiesforall.org/essays/five-types-of-publicly-engaged-humanities-work-in-u-s-higher-education).

Fellows will have the opportunity to participate in a public writing workshop in 2025 and 2026. Learn more about publicly engaged humanities at Humanities for All (https://humanitiesforall.org/).

The Luce/ACLS Program in China Studies promotes inclusion, equity, and diversity as integral components of merit that enhance the scholarly enterprise. It is a priority that every cohort of fellows and grantees is broadly inclusive of different backgrounds, cultures, and any aspects that make one unique. In China studies we seek balance in regard to national origin, educational background, and current university affiliation, as well as in disciplinary approaches, topics, and historical periods studied.

FELLOWSHIP DETAILS

- Stipend: $15,000 ($5,000 per month) for the equivalent of three months' work accomplished over a twelve-month period.
- Tenure: The fellowship period must begin between July 1, 2025, and September 30, 2026.
- Flexible fellowships do not require leave from university responsibilities, and do not require the three months' work to run consecutively.
- Early Career fellowships support research and writing toward a scholarly product in English.
- Priority will be given to applications that propose research in mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, Tibet, or Xinjiang. In addition, proposals based on research outside these areas will also be considered. Applicants who do not propose work in China should explain how they will gain access to sources.
- Projects must be in the humanities or interpretive social sciences (https://www.acls.org/faqs/acls-faq/), but there are no restrictions regarding theme, methodological approach, or time period.
- Stipends may be used for research costs (e.g., travel, access to online archives, conference participation, hiring of research assistance outside the US or Canada) and living expenses, including childcare or eldercare. The application essay should state how these costs will support the project's objectives, but no budget is required.
- Other support may be accepted during the fellowship tenure.
- A final report is required on completion of the fellowship period.
- Applications must be submitted through this website no later than 9:00 PM Eastern Standard Time on November 14, 2024.

ELIGIBILITY

- An applicant must hold a PhD from an accredited institution in the United States or Canada, OR be a US or Canadian citizen/permanent resident with a PhD from any institution.
  - An applicant must hold a PhD degree conferred no earlier than January 1, 2016.
  - If the PhD is not conferred (officially awarded) by the application deadline, the applicant must:
    - (At the time of application) have a university official (dissertation advisor or departmental chair) confirm through the OFA system that the applicant is on schedule to complete the PhD by April 15, 2025. This is an online form, not a reference letter.
    - (By April 1, 2025) submit a letter from the applicant's graduate school confirming that the dissertation has been submitted and approved by the graduate school for conferral according to the university calendar. The applicant is responsible for submitting the dissertation on time in order to meet this requirement. The applicant should request that the graduate school send the letter to ACLS at ChinaStudies@acls.org (mailto:ChinaStudies@acls.org).

- An applicant who is not a US or Canadian citizen/permanent resident must have an affiliation, or a long-term, regular research or teaching appointment, with a university or college in the United States or Canada. See FAQ (https://www.acls.org/faqs/faq-henry-luce-foundation-acls-program-in-china-studies/).
- Applicants who have obtained tenure, or who have submitted tenure materials for review by the application deadline, are not eligible.
- A working knowledge of Chinese is required, or knowledge of another language used in China studies (e.g., Tibetan, Uyghur) is also acceptable.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Applications must be submitted online and must include:

- A completed application form.
- An application essay (no more than five double-spaces pages in Arial or Helvetica 11-point font). The essay should discuss:
    - The aims of the research project – what it is about, its location in the current literature, and what sources are to be examined.
    - The significance of the topic and the project's contribution to the field of China studies.
- A work plan (no more than one double-spaced page in Arial or Helvetica 11-point font). The work plan should include:
    - A timeline for the project, including activity during the fellowship period.
    - Identification of the individuals (colleagues relevant to project), institutions, and/or sites to be visited, including archives, libraries, and geographical sources, as well as proposed institutional affiliation in China (if any).
    - A brief "Plan B" – an explanation of what you will do if you encounter a major obstacle in your plan (e.g., a closed archive, travel restrictions, inaccessible research site).
- A bibliography (no more than two pages, double-spaced between entries in Arial or Helvetica 11-point).
- Optional supporting materials (e.g., images, musical scores, or other similar supporting non-text materials, without annotation) (no more than two pages).
- An applicant's statement (no more than two double-spaced pages in Arial or Helvetica 11-point font) describing the intellectual trajectory and experiences that brought you to the current stage of academic career and that motivate plans for the future. Applicants without US citizenship/permanent residency who have just graduated from a PhD program in the US or Canada and are not yet employed/affiliated with a university in North America must describe plans for a career in China studies in the United States or Canada. It will strengthen the application to mention applications underway for academic positions, including names of institutions.
- A list of the applicant's publications (no more than two pages, double-spaced between entries in Arial or Helvetica 11-point).
- No budget is required.

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EVALUATION CRITERIA

- The research design and intellectual organization of the project.
- The significance of the topic and its potential contribution to China studies.

- The ability of the applicant to accomplish the proposed research, based on academic training and success of previous research projects.
- The feasibility of the plan of work.

Before beginning your application, you will be asked questions designed to determine preliminary eligibility for this program. Once you have answered these basic eligibility questions, please read all instructions, including those in the INSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT and PROPOSAL UPLOAD sections, before beginning to fill out the application form.

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Eligibility

👤 Eligibility Check

1. Are you a US or Canadian citizen/permanent resident OR do you have an affiliation, a long-term, regular research or teaching appointment, with a university or college in the United States or Canada?

◯ Yes   ◯ No

2. Do you have a PhD degree from an accredited institution in the United States or Canada OR are you a US or Canadian citizen/permanent resident with a PhD from any accredited institution?

◯ Yes   ◯ No

3. Was your PhD degree conferred after January 1, 2016? Note: All requirements for the PhD (including submission and approval of the dissertation by the graduate school) must be completed by April 15, 2025.

◯ Yes   ◯ No

4. If you are enrolled in a PhD program, will you have completed all requirements for the PhD, including submission and approval of the dissertation by April 15, 2025, and if so, are you submitting an institutional statement by April 1, 2025 confirming that you are on schedule to complete the PhD by April 15, 2025? Note: If you have a conferred PhD degree, please indicate 'No.'

◯ Yes   ◯ No

5. Have you obtained tenure, or have you submitted tenure materials for review by the application deadline?

◯ Yes   ◯ No

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Instructions

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You may make as many visits to your application as you wish, and revise any information in your application until it has been submitted. In order to be considered, your application must be complete and in SUBMITTED status at **9:00 PM Eastern Standard Time on November 14, 2024. If relevant, you must complete the INSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT section by this time; your institutional representative will have until November 21, 2024, to submit the statement.**

This application consists of three parts: the application form itself, the uploaded documents (see PROPOSAL UPLOAD), and institutional statement (see INSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT).

BEFORE BEGINNING the application form, please read the instructions regarding the the application form, please read the instructions regarding the PROPOSAL UPLOAD and the INSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT, as well as the following technical instructions.

A. HOW TO SAVE AND SUBMIT YOUR DATA

1. Do not use your browser's "BACK" or "FORWARD" buttons for navigation. Instead, use the menu on the left to navigate between screens or the "SAVE AND CONTINUE" button at the bottom of each screen to take you to the next application screen.
2. You must **SAVE each time you leave a screen**. If you do not click on SAVE, anything entered since you last hit SAVE on that screen will be lost. (Any work from a previous session will be retained, but any new entries will be lost.) The SAVE button is on the bottom of your screen. If you do not click on SAVE, anything entered since you last hit SAVE on that screen will be lost. (Any work from a previous session will be retained, but any new entries will be lost.) The SAVE button is on the bottom of your screen.
3. You may work on your application in as many sessions as you wish, and the status of your application will be **IN PROCESS** until you submit it. Once you are satisfied that your application is complete, you must go to the SUBMIT APPLICATION screen and select **SUBMIT APPLICATION**. Once your application has been SUBMITTED, it cannot revert to IN PROCESS status.
4. When you have completed your application, pause to check it one last time. We strongly suggest that you print and read your application before submitting it, so that you can be sure there are no further revisions you wish to make. Your print copy should include your uploaded document.
5. Your application status bar must show SUBMITTED at 9:00 PM Eastern Standard Time on November 14, 2024, in order for it to be considered. ACLS will take no responsibility for applications that are not in SUBMITTED status at the deadline. **Once your application has been SUBMITTED, even if it was submitted before the final deadline, no changes will be permitted.**
6. We strongly urge you to print out and save a copy of the final version of your SUBMITTED application. Your print copy should include your uploaded documents. You can print your application until January 15, 2025.

B. HOW TO ENTER DATA

1. You may begin completing the application at any section.

2. What you type into the form is exactly what will be seen by our reviewers. Therefore, please fill out the form carefully, paying attention to spelling, punctuation, and grammar. (For instance, do not use all caps.)
3. Text boxes will hold only a limited amount of text. Where longer answers are permitted, the number of available characters will normally be indicated. We suggest that you type rather than paste your response. If you paste your response, be sure your character count does not exceed the limit: excess text may appear on the screen but will not print and will not be visible to reviewers. Examine your print application to be sure your response is complete.
4. Dates should always be entered in the format mm/yyyy or mm/dd/yyyy where indicated. Where an entry continues into the present, please simply leave the ending date blank (mm/yyyy - [blank]).
5. Begin typing all answers at the extreme left hand side of the response area or box; do not leave a space or indent at the beginning of your answer.
6. In all dollar amount fields, use only digits. Please do not use the dollar sign or commas.
7. Please avoid using non-Roman characters in the application form as the system cannot process certain characters. Our selection committees understand the technical limitations of the system. Within the Proposal Upload, you may use non-Roman characters, but please view it after uploading to be sure these characters convert properly.

C. HOW TO GET HELP.

1. If you have questions about the application process, please consult FAQ (https://www.acls.org/FAQ/Henry-Luce-Foundation-ACLS-Program-in-China-Studies). If your question is not answered there, please email ChinaStudies@acls.org (mailto:ChinaStudies@acls.org).

Good luck with your application!

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Contact Information

The information you enter in the Common Profile sections (Contact, Professional Background, Education) will be retained for this application and copied to any other fellowship or grant application you undertake in this competition year. You may edit the information in future applications; however, it will not overwrite data in previously submitted applications.

👤 Contact Information

Salutation

Ms.

First Name

Sample

Middle Name/Initial

Last Name

Application

Suffix

Preferred Pronouns

Primary Email Address

chinastudies@acls.org

(should be valid through May 2025)

👤 Mailing Information

Address

City

US State, if applicable

Select One ⌄

(If your address is not within the United States, please use this field to complete the address information.)

Zip/Postal Code

(if using a ZIP-plus-4 code, please include hyphen)

Country

Telephone

(   )   -   , ext.

(If not United States)

Which is this address?

Select ⌄

Save   Save and Continue

Education

👤 Education

What is your highest level of education? (If you are a current PhD student or candidate, you must select Pursuing PhD to complete the information for your PhD program.)

🔘 PhD
⚪ Pursuing PhD
⚪ Master's
⚪ BA/BS

👤 PhD

Degree received from

(To ensure proper processing of your application, your institution's name must be displayed correctly. Enter a few letters of your institution's name to search against our database. **Use the full name, not an acronym or abbreviation**.)

Country of PhD Institution

PhD department

PhD major discipline

Date conferred by university

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(mm/dd/yyyy)

Dissertation title

(150 max character limit: *character count = 0*)

Name of dissertation supervisor

👤 Master's Degree

Degree received from

(To ensure proper processing of your application, your institution's name must be displayed correctly. Enter a few letters of your institution's name to search against our database. **Use the full name, not an acronym or abbreviation**.)

Select a degree

Select One	⌄

Date degree received

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Master's degree major discipline

👤 BA/BS

Degree received from

(To ensure proper processing of your application, your institution's name must be displayed correctly. Enter a few letters of your institution's name to search against our database. **Use the full name, not an acronym or abbreviation**.)

Date received

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BA/BS major discipline

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👤 Other Degrees

List any additional degrees

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(150 max character limit: *character count = 0*)

👤 Languages

List up to six non-English languages you can use, indicating proficiency in reading, speaking, and writing. *(Use E=Excellent, G=Good, F=Fair or less, N/A=Not applicable.)* If you are either a Native Speaker or Heritage Speaker of a language, please indicate by checking the appropriate box.

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing	Native Speaker	Heritage Speaker
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Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing	Native Speaker	Heritage Speaker
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Professional Background

👤 Current Position

Rank / Title

Select One ⌄

(Please choose the most appropriate from the list. If you have no current affiliation, please select "Independent Scholar.")

If you do not hold a faculty appointment, what is the exact title of your current position?

(150 max character limit: *character count = 0*)

Discipline

(Please indicate here the discipline in which you primarily publish, research, and/or teach. This may be included in an academic title, if you hold one, for example Assistant Professor of French Literature, Lecturer of Philosophy, etc. Write only the name of your discipline, not your title.)

Specialization

Department

Institution

To ensure proper processing of your application, your institution's name must be displayed correctly. Enter a few letters of your institution's name to search against our database. **Use the full name, not an acronym or abbreviation**.

Country of Institution

Date you began this position

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(mm/yyyy)

**Second Institution
     (if applicable)**

If you are currently affiliated with more than one institution, please list the second institution here.

Date you began this position

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(mm/yyyy)

👤 Positions Held

List positions held (professional, teaching, administrative, curatorial), beginning with the position immediately preceding the one you currently hold. Give the name of the institution, title, and approximate dates of employment for each.

Please remember:

- use only numbers in the date fields, for example, 09/2015
- use the format mm/yyyy throughout
- where an entry continues into the present, leave the "To" field blank

Institution/Employer

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Program Questions

👤 Chinese Language Proficiency

Please indicate your proficiency (reading, writing, or speaking) in Classical Chinese, Modern Mandarin, or any other Chinese dialects relevant to the proposed event. *(use E=Excellent, G=Good, F=Fair or less, N/A=Not applicable)*.
If you are a Native Speaker of a language, please indicate by checking the appropriate box.

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing	Native Speaker
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If there are other aspects of your Chinese language background that you would like the Committee to consider, please so indicate.

(150 max character limit: *character count = 0*)

☐ **Check here to affirm that you are interested in making your research accessible to broader publics.**

Save   Save and Continue

Awards

👤 Awards

Beginning with the most recent, list up to eight of the grants, fellowships, scholarships, academic honors, or awards you have received, giving in each case the dates, purposes (tuition, travel, expenses, etc.), and, if funded, the approximate amounts. If you are listing only selected awards, choose those that are most significant to the project you are proposing for a Luce/ACLS fellowship. Please do not be concerned if you cannot recall exact dates or amounts, and do not feel you must use all eight entries.

Please remember:

- use only numbers in the date fields, for example, 09/1995
- use the format mm/yyyy throughout
- where an entry continues into the present, leave the "To" field blank
- use only numbers in all dollar amount fields, for example, 1000
- please convert all monetary amounts into United States Dollars

Award

Award Type

Select One ⌄

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Research Project

👤 Research Project

In the text boxes below, please type rather than paste your response. If you paste your response, be sure your character count does not exceed the limit. Excess text may appear on the screen but will not print and will not be visible to reviewers. Examine your print application to be sure your responses are complete.

Do not use hard returns.

Research Proposal Title

(250 max character limit: *character count = 0*)

Research Proposal Abstract

(800 max character limit: *character count = 0*)

If there is a web page associated with your project, please provide the URL here:

(Optional)

Proposed dates of fellowship tenure (flexible three months over a 12-month period, beginning between July 1, 2025, and September 30, 2026):

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(mm/dd/yyyy)

If your project does not involve research in mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, Tibet, and/or Xinjiang, please explain how you had or will have access to the sources you need.

(2000 max character limit: *character count = 0*)

👤 Countries or Geographical Areas – Research Focus

List any countries or geographical areas on which your research is focused.

1.

Select One   ⌄

2.

Select One   ⌄

3.

Select One   ⌄

4.

Select One   ⌄

Other

👤 Countries or Geographical Areas – Research Completed

List any countries or geographical areas other than the US in which you have done research in the last five years.

1.

Select One	⌄

2.

Select One	⌄

3.

Select One	⌄

Other

👤 Disciplinary Areas

Please identify up to five disciplinary areas, in order of relevance, that best describe your research project. Do not choose "other" unless none of the options is close to your field. **For your first selection please choose the specific field that most closely corresponds to your fellowship project.**

1.

Select One	⌄

Other

2.

Select One	⌄

Other

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Select One	⌄

Other

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Select One ⌄

Other

5.

Select One ⌄

Other

Save   Save and Continue

Administrative Information

** 👤 Administrative Information**

This information is REQUIRED (except as noted). It is for administrative purposes only and will not be distributed as part of the selection process. Thank you for helping ACLS better understand the community we serve through this fellowship program.

Please remember:

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- use the format mm/yyyy throughout, except where mm/dd/yyyy is specifically requested
- where an entry continues into the present, leave the "To" field blank
- use only numbers in all dollar amount fields, for example, 1000
- please convert all monetary amounts into United States Dollars

Current salary

0.00

(do not add benefits or summer salary).

What is your country of citizenship?

Select One ⌄

If NOT United States, do you hold US Permanent Resident status?

Select ⌄

If NOT Canada, do you hold Canadian Permanent Resident status?

Select ⌄

If NOT United States, do you hold US work authorization status?

Select ⌄

If NOT Canada, do you hold Canadian work authorization status?

Select ⌄

If you are NOT a United States or Canadian citizen/permanent resident/work authorized status holder, do you have an affiliation, or a long-term regular research or teaching appointment, with a university or college in the United States or Canada?

Select	⌄

👤 ORCID iD (Optional)

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ACLS encourages all applicants to provide an ORCID iD as part of their application. Learn more (https://www.acls.org/FAQ/ACLS-Fellowships).

The record search feature works for public ORCID records only.
(click here to search ORCID)

👤 Current Position

Please enter your total teaching responsibility (number of classes) in a normal academic year as a whole number.

(For example, a course load of 3-3 should be entered as a 6. Please do not include summer courses or overloads. If you taught a reduced course load due to service, medical/family leave, etc., enter the amount you would have taught if not for those releases.)

Please list your current service engagement, separating each commitment with a semicolon.

(800 max character limit: *character count = 0*)

(Please indicate in parentheses whether each commitment is at the departmental, institutional, or disciplinary level. Service engagements need not come with a formal course release to be listed.)

👤 Sources of Support - Confirmed

List other sources of support, for example, sabbatical salary, other fellowships and grants, **ALREADY CONFIRMED** in connection with your proposed research project or planned total period of research leave. Also indicate the approximate amount of funding and period of support. Please convert all monetary amounts into United States Dollars.

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👤 Sources of Support - Applying

List other major funding sources, with approximate amount and tenure period, to which you **ARE APPLYING** for your present research proposal. Please convert all monetary amounts into United States Dollars.

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👤 Statistical Purposes Only

The following questions are optional and will be used for statistical purposes only.

Date of birth

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Gender

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With which group or groups do you most identify?

☐ Non-Hispanic White
☐ Black or African American
☐ Latina/o/x or Hispanic
☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
☐ East Asian American
☐ South Asian American
☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
☐ Middle Eastern or Arab American
  Other:

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☐ I prefer not to answer this question.

👤 Informational Purposes Only

1. How did you learn about this program? (Please select all that apply.)

☐ Higher Education publication (e.g., Chronicle of Higher Education, Inside Higher Ed)
☐ Dean or other administrator
☐ University fellowship/grants office
☐ ACLS website
☐ Other website (e.g. H-Net)
  Please specify:

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☐ Former fellows/grantees

☐ Colleague at my institution

☐ Colleague at another institution

☐ Social media

    Please specify:

☐ Online Advertisement

    Please specify where:

☐ Email from ACLS

☐ Other Email newsletter or Listserv

    Please specify where:

☐ Web Search

☐ Academic Conference or Meeting

    Please specify:

☐ Other/informal communication

    Other:

2. Please identify the ACLS member scholarly societies or ACLS affiliate organizations (if any) of which you are a member or with which you have an affiliation. (Please check all that apply.)

ACLS Constituent Learned Societies

☐ African Studies Association

☐ American Academy of Arts and Sciences

☐ American Academy of Religion

☐ American Anthropological Association

☐ American Antiquarian Society

☐ American Association for Italian Studies

☐ American Association for the History of Medicine

☐ American Association of Geographers

☐ American Comparative Literature Association

☐ American Dialect Society

☐ American Economic Association

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☐ American Musicological Society

- [ ] American Numismatic Society
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- [ ] American Society for Aesthetics
- [ ] American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies
- [ ] American Society for Environmental History
- [ ] American Society for Legal History
- [ ] American Society for Theatre Research
- [ ] American Society of Church History
- [ ] American Society of Comparative Law
- [ ] American Society of International Law
- [ ] American Society of Overseas Research
- [ ] American Sociological Association
- [ ] American Studies Association
- [ ] Archaeological Institute of America
- [ ] Association for Asian Studies
- [ ] Association for Jewish Studies
- [ ] Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- [ ] Association for Study of African American Life and History
- [ ] Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies
- [ ] Association of American Law Schools
- [ ] Austrian Studies Association
- [ ] Bibliographical Society of America
- [ ] College Art Association
- [ ] Dance Studies Association
- [ ] Dictionary Society of North America
- [ ] Economic History Association
- [ ] German Studies Association
- [ ] Hispanic Society of America
- [ ] History of Science Society
- [ ] International Center of Medieval Art
- [ ] Latin American Studies Association
- [ ] Law and Society Association
- [ ] Linguistic Society of America
- [ ] Medieval Academy of America
- [ ] Metaphysical Society of America
- [ ] Middle East Studies Association
- [ ] Modern Language Association
- [ ] National Communication Association
- [ ] National Council of Teachers of English

- [ ] National Council on Public History
- [ ] National Women's Studies Association
- [ ] North American Conference on British Studies
- [ ] North American Victorian Studies Association
- [ ] Oral History Association
- [ ] Organization of American Historians
- [ ] Philosophy of Science Association
- [ ] Renaissance Society of America
- [ ] Rhetoric Society of America
- [ ] Shakespeare Association of America
- [ ] Sixteenth Century Society
- [ ] Society for American Music
- [ ] Society for Cinema and Media Studies
- [ ] Society for Classical Studies
- [ ] Society for Ethnomusicology
- [ ] Society for French Historical Studies
- [ ] Society for Military History
- [ ] Society for Music Theory
- [ ] Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)
- [ ] Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study
- [ ] Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing
- [ ] Society for the History of Technology
- [ ] Society of Architectural Historians
- [ ] Society of Biblical Literature
- [ ] World History Association

ACLS Affiliates

- [ ] Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)
- [ ] Association of American Colleges and Universities
- [ ] Association of College & Research Libraries
- [ ] Association of Research Libraries
- [ ] Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences
- [ ] Center for Research Libraries
- [ ] Community College Humanities Association
- [ ] Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes
- [ ] Federation of State Humanities Councils
- [ ] International Society for Third-Sector Research
- [ ] Phi Beta Kappa

3. Please identify all ACLS fellowship programs (if any) to which you have previously applied.

- [ ] ACLS Fellowship

☐ ACLS Collaborative Research Fellowship

☐ ACLS Digital Extension Grant

☐ ACLS Digital Innovation Fellowship

☐ ACLS Emerging Voices Fellowship

☐ ACLS Leading Edge Fellowship

☐ ACLS New Faculty Fellows

☐ Charles A. Ryskamp Research Fellowship

☐ Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowship

☐ Getty/ACLS Postdoctoral Fellowships in the History of Art

☐ Luce/ACLS Dissertation Fellowship in American Art

☐ Luce/ACLS Fellowships in Religion, Journalism & International Affairs

☐ Luce/ACLS Program in China Studies

☐ Mellon/ACLS Community College Faculty Fellowship

☐ Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship

☐ Mellon/ACLS Public Fellows

☐ Mellon/ACLS Scholars & Society Fellowship

☐ The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Program in Buddhist Studies

☐ The Summer Institute for the Study of East Central and Southeastern Europe

☐ African Humanities Program

☐ CCK Comparative Perspectives on Chinese Culture and Society

4. Have you ever participated, beyond attending, in a scholarly meeting?

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Delivered a paper

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Institutional Statement

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Institutional Statement (required only for applicants whose PhD degree will be conferred after the application deadline). The provided form asks the institutional representative (dissertation advisor or departmental chair) to confirm that the applicant is on schedule to complete all requirements for the PhD, including submission and approval of the dissertation, by April 15, 2025. **This is an online form, not a reference letter.**

PLEASE NOTE: You must enter your institutional representative on the Institutional Statement page BEFORE they can log in to use the online references system. Please do not ask them to access the system until you have done this. Once you have entered the information and clicked the "send email" button, an email will be automatically generated with appropriate instructions to the institutional representative.

An institutional statement must be submitted online. It is your responsibility to convey information about your proposal to your institutional representative. After your institutional representative has agreed to write on your behalf:

- Tell your institutional representative to expect an email from ACLS.
- Make absolutely certain you have the correct email address for your institutional representative.
- Enter your institutional representative's name and email address by clicking on the "Add Recommender" button at the bottom of this page. Please capitalize the name properly.
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No more than one institutional statement will be accepted.

- Enter only one institutional representative. It is possible to enter additional institutional representatives, but you should do this only if you learn that an institutional representative is unable to complete the promised statement.
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1A) APPLICATION ESSAY

This application essay will be the basis of the evaluation of the project. The application essay must include all of the following:

- The aims of the research project – what it is about and what sources are to be examined.
- The significance of the topic and the project's contribution to the field of China studies.
- The intended contribution of the research to existing literature in your discipline.
- The research design.
- An assessment of the project's feasibility.
- The nature of results expected.

Note that recent PhDs who are proposing a project to convert their dissertation into a book must explain how the proposed project will expand on or revise the dissertation.

The application essay must not exceed five double-spaced pages in Arial or Helvetica 11-point font.

1B) WORK PLAN

The work plan should include:

- A timeline for the project, including activity during the fellowship period and rationale for the length of time that is being requested (three months of work).
- Identification of the individuals (colleagues relevant to project), institutions, and/or sites to be visited, including archives, libraries, geographical sources, as well as proposed institutional affiliation in China (if any).
- A brief "Plan B" - an explanation of what you will do if you encounter a major obstacle in your plan (e.g., a closed archive, travel restrictions, inaccessible research site).

The work plan must not exceed one double-spaced page in Arial or Helvetica 11-point font.

1C) BIBLIOGRAPHY

The bibliography should provide an overview of essential references for your project, and it should balance the various sorts of key materials being used.

The bibliography must not exceed two pages, double-spaced between entries in Arial or Helvetica 11-point font.

1D) OPTIONAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Up to two additional pages of images, musical scores, or other similar supporting non-text materials, without annotation.

1E) APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

The applicant's statement should describe the intellectual trajectory and experiences that brought you to the current stage of academic career and that motivate plans for the future. Applicants without US or Canadian citizenship/permanent residency who have just graduated from a PhD program in the US or Canada and are not yet employed/affiliated with a university in North America must describe plans for a career in China studies in the United States or Canada. It will strengthen the application to mention applications underway for academic positions, including names of institutions.

The applicant's statement must not exceed two double-spaced pages in Arial or Helvetica 11-point font.

1F) PUBLICATIONS LIST

Publications resulting from previous research are an important factor in evaluating proposals from applicants. Applicants who have previously conducted research supported by ACLS grants should report all publications resulting from that research.

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2) DOCUMENT SPECIFICATIONS:

- Items **1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, and 1F** must be uploaded as **one** continuous document.
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3) INSTRUCTIONS FOR UPLOADING YOUR DOCUMENTS:

Your items should be collated in this order—application essay, work plan, bibliography, optional supporting materials, applicant's statement, and publications list—and submitted as one file.

Files will be accepted in the following formats **ONLY**:

Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx), Text only (.txt), or Adobe Portable Document Format (.pdf). **Your file MUST include the appropriate extension (e.g., ".doc")**; if you are on a Mac, you will need to enter the extension as part of the file name.

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Application Essay, Work Plan, Bibliography, Optional Supporting Materials, Applicant's Statement, and Publications List:

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