

ACMS US-Mongolia Field Research Fellowship Program 2010

General Terms and Conditions:

1. All applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the USA, and must be enrolled full-time in a college or university in the USA or Mongolia. Students graduating in spring 2010 are eligible to apply. Students who are graduating before the start of their field research project should indicate their future study plans and how the field research fellowship will fit into those plans.
2. Fellowship recipients must spend a minimum of 6 weeks in Mongolia conducting their research projects between May and October 2010. Each student must work with a Research Sponsor who will oversee their research work. Research Sponsors are generally faculty members or senior researchers with a track record of student research oversight. For 2010, well designed research projects that demonstrate close collaboration between the student and Research Sponsor will be considered, even if the Research Sponsor is unable to travel to Mongolia. Preference will be given to projects where the Research Sponsor will be in the field for a substantial part of the student's research work. US students may work with a Research Sponsor from either a US or Mongolian institution.
3. Undergraduate applicants must have at least third year standing in their program, while graduate applicants can be at a masters or pre-dissertation doctoral level (first two years of a PhD program). Doctoral students seeking funding for dissertation research are not eligible for this fellowship.
4. Applications must include all 6 required documents, and must be in English. Applications must be received by the ACMS by March 1, 2010. Applications may be submitted either by mail to the ACMS offices in Ulaanbaatar or at University of Wisconsin or as an email attachment to the email address: info @ mongoliacenter.org. Letters of support and transcripts may be submitted separately from other documents.
5. All applicants must be current members of the ACMS to be considered for the program.
6. All travel between the US and Mongolia that uses funds from the fellowship program must meet the provisions of the Fly America Act. Details about these provisions will be provided to Fellowship recipients.
7. A portion of the fellowship stipend will be withheld until the recipient submits their final report on their fellowship experience. The final report will include reflections on both the research conducted, and how the research experience is expected to impact future academic and career development.
8. Award recipients are responsible for paying all taxes related to their awards. The fellowship funds awarded are generally considered income in the United States and Mongolia, and therefore must be reported to the tax authorities. The ACMS bears no responsibility for withholding or remitting taxes related to these awards.
9. Fellows are responsible for ensuring proper medical and evacuation insurance coverage during their time in the field in Mongolia. Proof of insurance coverage will be required before disbursement of fellowship funds.
10. The ACMS reserves the right to adjust the amounts and types of awards given under this program, as well as the general terms and conditions, before award agreements are reached with each recipient.