



ACMS Intensive Mongolian Language Program Summer 2009 Program Overview

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) invites applications from students and scholars wishing to participate in an eight week Intensive Mongolian Language Program from June 15 to August 14 2009 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The ACMS Intensive Mongolian Language Program in summer 2009 will provide the equivalent of nine semester credit hours of language training (144 contact hours), and will be led by experienced Mongolian language teachers. The program is designed to support the development of intermediate to advanced language skills, and all applicants must have the equivalent of at least one year of Mongolian language study experience by the time the program begins. The program is open to students from all countries.

Coursework

The ACMS language program comprises 80 lessons. Students are introduced to intermediate to advanced grammar, vocabulary, and conversational usages during the lessons through use of topical categories such as greetings, sports, and history. The program emphasizes skills sets that allow students to converse in Mongolian in a natural way, providing students with both the written and spoken forms of Modern Mongolian. The program draws upon materials developed from the knowledge of local experts and the experiences of non-native speakers of Mongolian.

Program Costs

Tuition and fees: \$2,000

The program costs cover the tuition and course materials, including the course book. Students are responsible for their own living and travel expenses, and should take these costs into account when estimating the total cost of the participating in the program. The following are estimated costs associated with living in Mongolia for 8-10 weeks.

Housing: \$1,200

Food and incidentals: \$1,500

Estimated Round trip travel from United States: \$1,800

Health and Evacuation Insurance: \$300

Total Estimated Living Expenses: \$4,800

Total Expenses + Tuition: \$6,800

Fellowship Opportunities

The ACMS offers two types of fellowships for the Intensive Mongolian Language Program.

- Permanent residents and citizens of the United States are eligible for the Language Program Fellowship of up to \$3000 to cover travel and living expenses.
- All applicants (including US and non-US citizens) are eligible for Tuition Waiver Fellowships that cover tuition expenses of up to \$2,000.

Both fellowships are awarded to applicants based on merit and need. All applicants who submit their applications by March 1, 2009 will be considered for Language Program Fellowships and Tuition Waiver Fellowships as appropriate. Applications received after this date will not be considered for fellowship awards.

Note: The ACMS is unable to offer formal academic credit for the program. Students seeking formal academic credit are encouraged to contact the ACMS and explore options for course credit with their home institution.

Those interested in participating in the program should submit the following to the ACMS at info@mongoliacenter.org by March 1, 2009 to be considered for fellowship awards and May 1, 2009 for all other applicants:

1. Application Form
2. Resume or CV
3. Short description of your Mongolian Language Proficiency and a list of formal Mongolian language courses completed (500 words or less)
4. Description of how you will utilize your participation in the program to further your career or studies, and any relevant experience you have participating in group language learning. (500 words or less)
5. Letter of recommendation from professor (if student) or colleague (if faculty member).
6. Relevant information on financial need.

Criteria for program selection include:

- All applicants must be members of the ACMS
- Prior experience learning Mongolian. Applicants should have a minimum of one year of experience learning Mongolian at the time the program starts.
- Importance of learning Mongolian language for the applicant's academic studies or career plans
- Applicant indicates a commitment to the 90/90 provisions of the program (Attend 90% of classes and complete 90% of homework exercises)

The ACMS is committed to equitable access and participation without regard to gender, race, national origin, color, disability or age. The ACMS will work to ensure access for any persons with disability, but cannot guarantee that Mongolian facilities will be appropriately equipped for all types of disability. Please inquire about specific conditions or questions with regard to disability access.

For questions about the application or program, please contact info@mongoliacenter.org.