May 25, 2010

Once again I write to invite your participation in the programs of the Harvard-Yenching Institute by nominating scholars as candidates to our visiting scholars and fellows program. For the academic year 2011-12, 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 admission to these programs. In conjunction with the mission of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, nominated scholars should 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 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 two years ago. In addition, we would like to remind you of a significant change regarding the qualifications of applicants, namely that there is no longer an age limit; 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.

Currently, the Institute has more than 50 affiliated universities and institutions that are eligible to nominate candidates. We are reviewing the list of the Institute’s partner universities this year with an eye toward making our partnerships more dynamic to reflect the changing conditions of higher education in East Asia. As a result, some universities may no longer be affiliated with the Institute, and some may be asked to participate in the programs every other year. We will update you soon after we complete the selection process for 2011-12.

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. All the applicants and university/academy administrators will be notified of selection results in mid-February, 2011. 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. The deadline for submitting applications is **September 30, 2010**.

**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, 2011. 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 the receipt of application is September 30, 2010.

We ask that you send all of your completed applications via email in PDF format, including letters of recommendation and the document of endorsement from the foreign affaires office, by September 30, 2010, in one package to the Harvard-Yenching Institute at the following address:

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Tel: 617.495.3369  
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Please note that the Institute will return the submitted package 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 <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,

Elizabeth J. Perry  
Director, Harvard-Yenching Institute
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 2010-11, the monthly stipend is $2,300);
   - 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.