



# COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

## Weatherhead East Asian Institute



### Undergraduate Funding Opportunities (Summer)

#### Weatherhead Undergraduate Training Grant

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Provides up to \$2,500 in support to undergraduate students for summer projects in East Asia that develop academic and/or professional expertise. Examples of eligible projects include research or a secured, uncompensated internship. Projects involving a single East Asian country are eligible, and priority will be given to projects that cross traditional disciplinary, geographic, or temporal boundaries, as well as to applicants with a commitment to make East Asia a part of their long-term careers.

- Provides summer funding awards up to \$2,500 to support projects such as internships or research to encourage undergraduate study and engagement with modern and contemporary East Asia.
- Eligibility
  - Undergraduate students matriculated in Barnard College, Columbia College, SEAS, and the School of General Studies
  - Minimum GPA of 3.5
  - Completed at least two courses in East Asian Studies before applying
  - Available to current and continuing students only
- Students seeking funding for an unpaid internship may apply for the grant even if they have not yet secured an internship; however, any grant offer would be contingent upon confirmation of the internship. If arrangements with a potential organization are at an advanced stage at the time of the application deadline, students are encouraged to provide relevant documentation (email correspondence, letter from the potential host organization, etc.) with the rest of their application materials.
- Selection criteria include:
  - Academic excellence
  - Demonstrated commitment to East Asia, and to incorporating it in one's long-term academic or professional career goals
- Recipients of the award must report to the Weatherhead East Asian Institute any additional funds, such as another grant, that they receive in support of the same activities. The total amount of funding received for the project must not exceed the limits dictated by the student's school. Should a student receive multiple sources of funding for the same project, the WEAI will adjust or withdraw the amount granted to the student so as to remain below the cap dictated by the student's school.



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### Borg Undergraduate Fellowship

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Provides up to \$3,000 in support to undergraduate students for summer projects in East Asia that develop academic and/or professional expertise. Examples of eligible projects include research or a secured, uncompensated internship. Projects must have a focus on US-East Asia relations.

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  - Minimum GPA of 3.5
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### Theodore deBary Fellowship

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Provides up to \$8,000 in tuition assistance for intensive summer language study of a modern East Asian language in the US or abroad and is available to eligible international undergraduate students at Columbia and its affiliated institutions. The summer language program studied under the Theodore deBary Fellowship must be the equivalent of an academic year course: at least 140 credit or contact hours (120 at the advanced level), and a minimum of six (6) weeks in length. Additionally, all overseas programs of study must be approved by the Institute's Student Affairs Officer at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of the program.

- Provides summer funding awards up to \$8,000 for summer intensive language study of a modern East Asian language either in the US or abroad.
- Eligibility
  - Undergraduate students enrolled full time at Columbia College, the School of General Studies, and Barnard College
  - Only non-US citizens, nationals, or non-permanent residents are eligible to apply (American citizens and residents should apply for the [FLAS](#) instead).
  - Applicants must be at the intermediate or advanced level of one of the following East Asian languages:
    - Chinese (at the 3rd-year level or above)
    - Japanese (at the 3rd-year level or above)
    - Korean (at the 3rd-year level or above)
    - Tibetan (at the 2nd year level or above)
  - Applicants must propose intensive summer language programs that are a minimum of 140 credit or contact hours (120 at the advanced level) and a minimum of six weeks in length.
- Selection criteria include:
  - Academic excellence
  - Demonstrated commitment to East Asia, and to incorporating it in one's long-term academic or professional career goals



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### Application Procedures

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WEAI Fellowship applications become available every year sometime in early February and close around mid-March.

Required application materials:

- Basic Application Form
- Project proposal
- CV
- Detailed project budget
- Official Columbia University transcript
- One letter of recommendation from a Columbia/Barnard faculty member or instructor
- If your project is an internship, a letter from the host organization confirming your internship
- Additional fellowship-specific materials (if applicable)

For more information about upcoming WEAI fellowship information sessions and application deadlines, please visit the [Institute's funding page](#) or contact Elizabeth Peiffer, WEAI Student Affairs Officer, at [ep3021@columbia.edu](mailto:ep3021@columbia.edu).