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SUMMER IN SOUTH ASIA 2009

Undergraduate Summer Fellowship in INDIA
Instructions and Application for the Center for South Asian Studies

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

This application consists of several parts which must be filled out and returned to the office of the Center for South Asian Studies (CSAS) in Room 3603 of the School of Social Work Building (SSWB). Complete instructions and applications can be found on the CSAS website (see above).

The application process for this grant takes place in several stages. Each stage must be completed before the application will be considered.

STAGE I: INITIAL APPLICATION

This two-page application is due in our office by **January 9, 2009**. It is intended as an initial expression of interest and the beginning point for Stage II. We anticipate that the scope and methods of your proposal will be refined and possibly changed significantly between this stage and the final application in Stage III.

STAGE II: NOTIFICATION OF STAGE I RESULTS AND INDIVIDUAL MEETING WITH CSAS STAFF

This initial application will be screened by a faculty committee and selected first-round applicants will be asked to submit a full application. All applicants will be notified of the Stage I decisions by **January 16, 2009**. Subsequent to this, the successful Stage I applicants will need to schedule a 30-minute meeting to be held before **February 6, 2009** with Sreyashi Dey, the Program Coordinator at CSAS (sreyashi@umich.edu). The purpose of this meeting is to talk through your thoughts and plans and to help adjust or refine the proposal as needed.

STAGE III: FINAL APPLICATION

The final application must be received in our office on or before **February 13, 2009**. It must be complete and will consist of:

1. A completed Final Application Form, including an updated version of your program abstract.
2. Projected Budget Form.
3. Official transcripts of all college work undertaken through the last semester, both at the University of Michigan and at other schools. University of Michigan transcripts can be ordered through the Registrar's Student Services offices on the first floor of the LSA Building (763-5174) and at B430 LL North Pierpont Commons (763-7650), or through Wolverine Access. In order for transcripts to be considered official, they must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the Registrar's stamp on the seal. Unofficial transcripts are not acceptable.



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4. Two recommendation forms. Please ask two faculty members (professors, lecturers, and/or GSIs) familiar with your work to complete the attached recommendation form on your behalf. Be sure to fill in both the date you would like the faculty member to return the form to you and the text of your program abstract. The completed forms should be returned to you in a sealed envelope and signed across the back flap, to be submitted with your application.
5. Letter(s) of invitation or acceptance from any institutions, programs, or organizations with whom you will be working while in India. If your project is going to be dependent upon such an arrangement, then this letter is required. Letters should detail the terms of your visit (how long you will be there, what you will be doing while you are there, who you will work with, etc.) as well as any expectations they have for your visit. Emailed letters are acceptable, but must be printed out and submitted with your application.

Students will be notified of the final application decisions by **March 13, 2009**.

If your proposal is accepted, or if you are on the waiting list, you will have a packet of information available in the CSAS Offices on **March 18, 2009**. This packet will include health forms and parental notification forms that will need to be completed and returned to our office by **March 27, 2009**.

All successful applicants will be required to attend an Orientation Meeting on **March 31, 2009** to go through the next stages of planning of your programs.

Please Note:

- Applications must be complete to be accepted and reviewed.
- Completed applications are reviewed by CSAS staff following the posted deadlines. They are reviewed as well by faculty and/or staff from UM and/or its institutional and organizational partners. Acceptance is decided through careful consideration of various factors that include the applicant's academic class level, fit of program to academic plan, language proficiency (where relevant), recommendation forms, questionnaire responses, evidence of character (maturity, flexibility, seriousness of purpose, disciplinary history, etc.), and any special factors that may be relevant.
- Students on academic probation at the time of application will not be considered.



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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES

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| January 9, 2009 | Initial application due |
| January 16, 2009 | Notification of Stage I results |
| February 6, 2009 | Completion of individual meetings with Center staff |
| February 13, 2009 | Final Application and all supplemental materials (questionnaire, recommendations, language evaluations, invitation letters, and transcripts) due |
| March 13, 2009 | Notification of final application decisions |
| March 18, 2009 | Accepted and waitlisted participants should pick up program information packets at CSAS office |
| March 27, 2009 | Accepted participants confirm intent to complete the program; health forms and parental notification forms to be filled out and returned |
| March 31, 2009 | Orientation Meeting for accepted participants at CSAS office for program planning |



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STAGE I APPLICATION - DUE January 9, 2009

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Date of Birth: _____ Sex: F M
 U-M Student ID: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Current/Campus Street Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____ Valid Until (Date): _____
 Please add me to the Center mailing list ____ Yes ____ No

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

U-M School or College: _____
 Current Class Standing: ____ Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior
 Overall Grade Point Average: _____
 Number of Credits or Hours of College Study Completed: _____
 Expected Date of Graduation: _____
 Declared or Intended Concentration(s) and Minor(s): _____

PREVIOUS INDIA EXPOSURE/EXPERIENCE

Have you traveled to India before? ____ Yes ____ No
 If yes, how many times and for how long? _____
 Purpose of your previous visit/s: _____
 Have you taken any South Asia/India related courses at UM? ____ Yes ____ No
 If yes, please list the courses _____

OTHER INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Have you traveled to other countries besides India? ____ Yes ____ No
 If yes, how many times and for how long? _____
 Purpose of your visit: _____



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PROGRAM ABSTRACT

In 3-4 brief sentences, please outline your proposed program. This should provide our readers with a quick snapshot of what you would like to accomplish with the grant.



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PERSONAL STATEMENT

In a one-page statement, please explain what motivates you to work in India, why you feel that you are ready to work in an environment which is very different from your current one, and how this program fits in with your career/academic goals. Please type your statement in the space provided below.