

2019 OYCF-Chow Fellowship for Field Research in China

Since 2018, Overseas Young Chinese Forum (OYCF) has provided a fellowship to support field research in China. The OYCF-Chow Fellowship for Field Research in China provides \$3,000 to graduate students in humanities and social sciences in a U.S. or Canadian university to conduct fieldwork in China for their thesis projects. In addition, another \$500 will be offered as post-fieldwork reward to the fellowship recipients who demonstrate excellence in the use of the fellowship. Fellowship recipients will be announced on the OYCF website as OYCF-Chow Fellows.

Priority will be given to research projects focusing on contemporary economic, social, cultural, or political issues in China, but historical or comparative studies with the majority of the fieldwork to be conducted in China are also eligible for consideration.

Eligibility:

1. Active enrollment in a graduate program (master's level and above) in humanities or social sciences in an accredited university in the United States or Canada. As a general rule, applicants should have finished all or almost all coursework and are in the process of writing thesis proposals that contain a field research component.
2. Applicant has a thesis project that requires substantial field research (i.e., ethnography, interviews, surveys, field experiments, or archival research) in mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, and/or Taiwan.
3. Applicants must consent to OYCF fellowship terms that will require awardees to a) submit a detailed report of field research activities; and b) contribute one or more short essays as blog or WeChat posts on a topic related to the thesis or field research.

Application Package:

1. A short cover letter (2-page maximum) in which you will a) describe your fieldwork plan, including dates and location; b) explain how the fieldwork contributes to your thesis project; and, c) state how you would like to contribute to OYCF in future
2. A full draft of thesis proposal
3. An itemized budget with justification (please indicate other sources of funding that you already have received for your fieldwork)
4. Curriculum vitae
5. Two letters of recommendation, including one from your thesis advisor

Application Procedure:

1. Applications must be submitted by email to oycf.fellowships@gmail.com in a single, PDF document that includes all required application materials as listed above except letters of recommendation.
2. Letters of recommendation must be submitted directly by the recommenders by email to oycf.fellowships@gmail.com with the Subject line: "OYCF letter for [Student's name]"
3. Application deadline: March 15, 2019

Selection Criteria and Process:

OYCF will form a fellowship committee made up of OYCF board members and scholars to review and nominate awardees to the OYCF board for approval. Each application will be evaluated on the basis of its quality, feasibility, relevance to themes stated above, and significance for long-term contribution to the study of China. Fellowship recipients will be notified via email by April 15, 2019, and they will be invited to attend the OYCF annual meeting where all recipients will be publicly announced. OYCF will also award additional \$500 to the fellowship recipients in the next year who submit high-quality field trip reports and fulfill OYCF fellowship terms in an outstanding manner.

About OYCF

Overseas Young Chinese Forum (OYCF) was established in 1999 to provide a forum for the overseas Chinese scholars, graduate students and professionals to exchange views on issues concerning China and China's relations with the world, and to develop common aspirations among its members. It is an inclusive, non-partisan and non-profit organization that advocates voluntarism and cultivates the members' continuing interest in sustainable developments in China and in China's relationship with the world. Run completely by volunteers, OYCF sponsored short-term teaching projects, organizes annual meetings for its members, funds student organizations in the U.S. and other educational activities in China, supports social innovation, and undertakes select research and publication projects that are beneficial to China's development.