

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Walker Hill International Scholarship Program

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1st

Description:

The Walker Hill International Scholarship Program was created to provide MSU students with financial support for periods of study, participation, and/or observation abroad which are serving academic purposes. Recipients will be selected based on scholarly performance, strength of academic or graduate program purposes served by the period spent abroad, and character and personal characteristics which provide high probability of a successful sojourn in a foreign setting. Financial need may also be considered in reaching award decisions.

Eligibility:

This award is open to all MSU doctoral candidates who are planning to undertake dissertation research outside the United States and who are at the **pre-dissertation** stage. The student must have completed adequate credits to have pre-dissertation research objectives. International students may not apply for funds to conduct research in the countries from which they hail. Previous recipients of a Walker Hill award or an ISP Predissertation Travel Award are not eligible.

Application packets must include all the following:

- A completed Application Form
- A proposed budget
- A letter of application describing how scholarship funds would be utilized vis-à-vis student's program of study and how the research project will contribute to MSU's reputation as one of the top 100 research universities in the world.
- Letter of support from applicant's academic or research adviser (Reference letters are confidential and will be shared with members of the Selection Committee)
- A letter of support from a second faculty member
- Official MSU transcript that includes most recent fall semester grades. Transcripts from previous educational institutions are not required.
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume

Submit application via email to isp.scholarship@msu.edu by 11:59pm EST on March 1st.

International Studies and Programs
427 N. Shaw Lane, Room 207
East Lansing, MI 48824-1035
Tel: +1-517-355-2350

SECTION A

1. Personal Details

1. Name: _____
2. E-mail: _____
3. Current street address: _____
4. City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____ Country: _____
5. Phone: (_____) _____
6. Permanent (Home) Address: _____
City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____ Country: _____
7. Phone: (_____) _____
8. Country of Citizenship: _____
9. If not a US citizen, what is your visa status? _____

2. Previous Graduate Education

In what institutions have you been a graduate student or candidate?

Institution	Department	Degree	Year(s)

SECTION B

1. Current Academic Enrollment Information:

- a. Name of College: _____
- b. Name of Department: _____
- c. Date accepted into the PhD program: Semester _____ Year _____
- d. Name of academic/research adviser or primary faculty member:

2. Progress in Academic Program:

Indicate completion or expected completion dates for the following academic programs:

- a. All graduate coursework completed: Semester _____ Year _____
- b. Masters degree or second year paper (if applicable):
Semester _____ Year _____
- c. Have you completed your comprehensive examinations? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, when? Semester _____ Year _____

If no, please explain:

- d. Dissertation proposal approved by committee:
Semester: _____ Year: _____

3. Grade Point Average (GPA):

What is your current GPA for your graduate study completed at MSU: _____

4. Deferred Grades:

How many deferred grades do you have in your graduate study at MSU? _____

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- b. How will these activities prepare you to write your PhD dissertation proposal and complete applications for funding your dissertation research? (Limit response to 300 words)

6. Describe your proposed research site, materials (for example, archives or species), and/or population, and explain why you selected each (Limit response to 300 words).

7.
 - a. Have you been to the proposed research area(s) previously? Yes No
 - b. If yes, when and for how long? (Be sure to include the most recent visits)
 - c. What did you do there?
 - d. Why do you need to return to this/these site(s)?

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8. With what individuals, institutions, and/or organizations do you plan to consult during your travel to establish affiliations, partnerships, or collaborations to assist you with your pre-dissertation or dissertation research?

9. Do you plan to obtain letters of collaboration from the individuals or groups in #8 to support your future application(s) for funding for your dissertation research?
 Yes No

10. What language(s) will you be using in your research, and what is your fluency in each?

11. Have you obtained other funds from MSU or elsewhere to support your *pre-dissertation* travel? Yes No

If yes, list each source, amount and purpose of the funding.

Source	Amount	Purpose

12. Have you applied or plan to apply for funds from MSU or elsewhere to support your *pre-dissertation* travel? Yes No

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Source	Amount	Purpose

13. Please list any fellowships or awards you have already received or applied for to fund your *dissertation fieldwork and writing*.

Source	Amount	Status

14. Funding for *dissertation research*: List all agencies, foundations or fellowship programs where you plan to apply for funds to support your dissertation research and the dates you plan to apply.

To whom will you apply? Why did you select this funding source? When will you apply?

Source	Why this source?	Application Date

15. Is this research related to that of your major professor/research adviser? Yes No
If yes, how?

16. Does your research adviser/major professor have funding to partially support your *pre-dissertation research*? Yes No
If yes, indicate the amount and the purpose for which it is intended.

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17. Does your research adviser/major professor have funding to partially support your *dissertation research*? Yes No

If yes, indicate the purpose for which it is intended.

18. Do you plan to interview informants, obtain datasets, or otherwise collect information for your dissertation research during your pre-dissertation visit? Yes No

If yes, your research activities require approval by one of the Institutional Review Boards. Indicate if you already have applied for approval or outline your plans to seek approval or request a waiver.

*If you are unsure regarding the necessity of IRB approval for your activities, please check with the MSU Human Research Protection Program at 517-355-2180.

19. Will your *pre-dissertation research activities involve vertebrate animals*? Yes No

If yes, will your research require approval by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Application to Use Vertebrate Animals in Research, Testing, or Instruction?
Yes No

If yes, when do you plan to apply for approval or when have you received approval for the proposed pre-dissertation research activities?

SECTION D

1. **Budget:** Please provide a tentative budget for your proposed pre-dissertation research travel, including support from other sources to cover some costs. The budget may include, for example, transportation, visa, immunizations, international health and evacuation insurance, per diem for lodging and food, materials and supplies. Please email a PDF attachment of the budget along with this application.

TOTAL COST OF TRIP: _____

*Note: Any requests for recorders, cameras, or any other equipment required for the project or research must be approved by ISP's Office of the Dean prior to purchase and should not exceed \$400.

2. Have you applied for FLAS funding this year? Yes No
If yes, for what purpose?

3. Have you previously applied for a Fulbright award? Yes No
If yes, when? _____
What was the outcome?

4. Have you attended a Fulbright Award information session with the MSU Fulbright Adviser? Yes No
a. If yes, when? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MSU is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Institution.

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Please note that only completed application packets will qualify for review.