The Hebrew University of Jerusalem—Department of Asian Studies
“Confucius China Study Program” PhD Scholarship

The Department of Asian Studies at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Confucius Institute Headquarters/Hanban are offering a scholarship for three years to an outstanding doctoral candidate in the field of Chinese studies beginning in the 2016-2017 academic year in the total amount of up to $60,000 + full tuition.

The required criteria for submitting candidacy for the Confucius China Study Program scholarship:
- Proven academic excellence;
- No longer than two years after the completion of the Master's degree;
- Candidacy is open to students registering for doctoral studies or to those who are in the initial stages of writing their dissertation (even after authorization of their program and up to two years from the time of registration for the degree);
- Candidates will be enrolled as doctoral students at the Department of Asian Studies of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, once admitted according to the admission conditions and selection process applicable to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. A proficiency in Chinese language on the level appropriate to an MA graduate is required.

Interested individuals are requested to send one electronic copy of the following documents (in English whenever applicable):
- Curriculum vitae
- Report of grades (BA, MA, PhD if applicable)
- Abstract of the master’s thesis
- Letters of evaluation of the master’s thesis
- Two letters of recommendation (in English only) to be sent directly to the coordinator of the program, Prof. Yuri Pines (yuri.pines@mail.huji.ac.il)
- A document describing the research program (up to 500 words). In this document the candidates will present the research questions that interest them, the research context, the research methodology that seems relevant to them and the importance of addressing these questions to the advancement of knowledge.

Optional: A paper that has been accepted for publication may also be submitted.

For additional information regarding terms of acceptance and the procedures, contact Yuri Pines (yuri.pines@mail.huji.ac.il).
Visit the website of the university at: www.huji.ac.il.

All the documents should be sent to the Scholarships Committee by July 1, 2016.
The answers will be given to the candidates in August 2015. The academic year in Israel starts in October 2016 (for candidates from abroad, a later arrival is acceptable).
The selection procedure:
The Committee of Department of Asian Studies will convene to discuss the candidates’ files. The final selection will be approved by the Confucius Institute Headquarters/Hanban. It should be emphasized that academic excellence is the determining criterion, and in the event that no suitable student is found, the scholarship will not be awarded in that year.

The Committee reserves the right to conduct interviews with the candidates if it should find this to be appropriate.

Candidates from abroad:
The Confucius China Study Program Scholarships are intended for students from Israel and from abroad. In order to encourage the application of students from abroad, notices about the Confucius China Study Program Scholarships will be posted in English on H-Net and additional places. Thus, knowledge of the Hebrew language is not a condition for acceptance. Please kindly note, however, that citizens of China are NOT eligible to apply to the fellowship.

For candidates from abroad: The Department of Asian Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is the oldest of its kind in Israel and is one of the biggest departments in the Faculty of Humanities, home to over 300 students specializing in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Indian Studies. The department is characterized by its excellence in research and teaching, and maintains an environment of cooperation between students and faculty in a wide array of extracurricular and academic activities. Read more at http://asia.huji.ac.il/en.

Candidates from abroad are encouraged to inquire prior to their application whether they would have an appropriate supervisor from among the members of the Department of Asian Studies at the Hebrew University. The department is particularly strong in the fields of Chinese archeology, pre-modern history, and contemporary Chinese society. Students with interest in China’s traditional literature, modern history, political system, and foreign relations are also encouraged to apply. You are welcome to send your inquiry to Professor Yuri Pines at yuri.pines@mail.huji.ac.il

Studies in China
The fellows are expected to conduct one year of her/his research in China as a Joint Research Ph.D. Student of Confucius China Studies Program (for which see http://www.iie.org/Programs/Confucius-China-Studies-Program). For the study period in China, tuition, accommodation, health insurance and living expenses will be guaranteed by Hanban.
Renewal of the scholarship:
Annual renewal of the scholarship will depend on demonstrated progress of the Confucius China Study Program fellows and on continued recommendation of their thesis supervisor.

- The fellows will submit their progress report by the end of each academic year.
- Within the first year of the fellowship, the fellows will have to complete their Ph.D. proposal which will be approved by their advisor(s), and successfully advance from stage A to stage B in their doctorate program.
- Between the second and the third year the fellows will have to submit a report with regard to their academic progress and complete at least one chapter of their dissertation approved by their advisor(s).
- The fellows will be encouraged to submit research articles to refereed journals and required to present at least one paper in an international conferences held during either the second or the third year of the fellowship.

Requirement of the fellows
The support of Confucius China Studies Program should be mentioned on the doctoral thesis and in publications that ensue from the thesis.
The Confucius China Studies Program Scholarships for Outstanding Doctoral Candidates in Chinese Studies

Application Form

For the candidate's attention

- Please read the regulations and instructions thoroughly.
- Fill out the form with precision and in printing.
- All of the required documents must be sent electronically in addition to a printed copy:
  - Curriculum vitae
  - Report of grades (BA, MA, PhD if applicable)
  - Abstract of the master's thesis
  - Letters of evaluation of the master's thesis
  - A document describing the research plans (up to 500 words, English only)

The address to which to send the materials (electronic suggestion only is acceptable):
Prof. Yuri Pines
Department of Asian Studies
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem,
Mt. Scopus Jerusalem 91905
yuri.pines@mail.huji.ac.il

- Two letters of recommendation (in English) should be sent directly to yuri.pines@mail.huji.ac.il
- An application that does not meet the scholarship conditions or for which one of the documents is missing will not be considered.

DEADLINE: July 1, 2016
Application Form:

1. Personal data
Surname _________________ First name ____________________ (Hebrew)
Surname _________________ First name ____________________ (English)
Identity number _________ Gender _______ Marital status _________
Year of birth _______ Country of birth ____________ Year of immigration to Israel (if applicable) ______
Address ________________________________________________
Home telephone _________________ Cellular phone ________________
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3. Names of individuals offering recommendations

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4. Other scholarships received by the candidate or for which he simultaneously apply:

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Signature of candidate: ________________________________