

The J. Watumull Scholarship for the Study of India

The purpose of the J. Watumull Scholarship for the Study of India is to promote understanding of India through scholarship support of University of Hawai'i students with a focused and well-developed proposal to study for a minimum of two months in India.

The scholarship will support students in areas of study such as the visual and performing arts, history, philosophy, religion, and politics as well as any other field including the professional schools and community college programs. Students will be expected to be enrolled in courses at a recognized Indian institution or to be conducting pre-approved independent study overseen by a faculty member at UH in cooperation with a scholar in India. Students may also choose to participate in an approved study abroad program sponsored by another U.S. institution. A list of study options is available from the UH Manoa Center for South Asian Studies at (808) 956-5652 or csas@hawaii.edu.

Scholarships of up to \$5,000 are awarded annually. Applications for support are due **March 2nd, 2009**. Announcement of awardees will be made soon thereafter. Funds should be expended between May 2009 and May 2010.

Eligibility and Criteria:

- Undergraduate and graduate students from any UH campus and in any degree seeking, professional or community college program may apply.
- Only U.S. citizens and permanent residents are eligible.
- Awards will be made on the basis of academic merit to students in good academic standing. It is expected that students will have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Consideration will also be given to service to the community and other activities and experience of the applicant.
- Students may be enrolled part-time, but must be making progress towards a degree as evidenced by continuing enrollment and specific courses taken.
- The proposed course of study must contribute to a broader understanding and deeper appreciation of Indian culture and contemporary issues. The program does not necessarily have to be directly related to the student's major area of study, but must be approved by the student's advisor.
- Students will be required to be affiliated with an Indian institution/scholar or a study abroad program with on-site support.
- Students must earn credit for their program.
- Preference will generally be given to students who are 1) not in their graduating year or 2) who have had no prior first-hand experience in India.
- At the time the program in India takes place, recipients are expected to be continuing University of Hawai'i students. Graduated students may not receive this scholarship.

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The J. Watumull Scholarship Application and Supporting Materials will include:

- **Application for Scholarship** form
- A **2-3 page double-spaced essay** describing what the applicant will gain from the study program, the applicant's project and preparedness to complete the project
- **Three confidential letters of recommendation**, to include one from the applicant's academic advisor
- **UH or other college transcript**

AND

1) For students participating in an independent study program:

- The **Independent Field Research/Study Approval Form** describing specific requirements of the research project/course of study and approved by appropriate UH faculty member(s) and the applicant's academic advisor
- **Evidence of in-country support or sponsorship** in the form of a letter of affiliation or agreement from the host institution/scholar

2) For students participating in a third party study abroad program:

- The **Third Party Study Abroad Course Approval Form**

A personal interview will also be required of selected applicants. An award ceremony will be held with the Watumull family and scholarship recipients are expected to attend.

- In addition, scholarship recipients must submit a letter of acknowledgement to the Watumull family prior to receiving funds and, upon completion of their program, submit a final report highlighting their experience in India. Copies should be sent to University of Hawai'i Foundation and the Office of International Affairs. Please note that filing of the report constitutes permission to publish this material in the CSAS newsletter or in other appropriate venues in order to highlight and publicize the scholarship.

Application materials are due by **March 2nd, 2009** and should be submitted to the Center for South Asian Studies, Moore Hall 416, Honolulu, HI 96822. For further information about the scholarship and application materials, please contact CSAS at (808) 956-5652 or by email at csas@hawaii.edu.

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Application for Scholarship

Please check below to indicate the type of program you are applying for support for:

- UH Independent Field Study/Research
- UHM Study Abroad Center Independent Study Abroad
- American Institute for Indian Studies Placement for Independent Study
- Third Party Study Abroad Program (please specify program _____)
_____)

A. Personal Information (please note that some information requested below is in anticipation of the visa application)

1. Name _____
2. Birth Date _____
3. U.S. Citizen/Perm Resident: YES / NO 4. Social Security Number _____
5. Hawai'i Resident: YES / NO (if NO, state place of official residence _____)
6. Phone _____ 7. Email _____
8. Current Mailing Address _____

9. Permanent Mailing Address _____

B. Academic Information

1. University of Hawai'i Campus _____
2. Major/Field of Study _____
3. Class Standing (circle one): Freshman / Sophomore / Junior / Senior / Masters / PhD
4. Current GPA _____ 5. Name of Academic Advisor _____
6. Applicant's academic history, beginning with most recent:

| College or University | Dates of Attendance | Degree Earned/Expected | Major/Field of Specialization |
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7. Previous academic honors, fellowships and awards _____

C. Project Information

In addition to the information requested below, all applications must include a 2-3 page double-spaced project statement describing your proposed course of study in India, your preparedness to complete the project, and what you hope to gain from your study program in India.

1. Title of Project/Program _____

2. Site(s) of proposed study/research in India _____

3. Dates of proposed Project/Program _____

4. Project Summary

5. Total number of months to complete your program in India _____

6. Is a foreign language required in order to complete your project or participate in the program you have selected?
YES / NO

If YES, please rate your relevant language training as GOOD, FAIR or MINIMAL.

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| E.g.: HINDI | Reading: <u>Good</u> | Writing: <u>Good</u> | Speaking: <u>Good</u> |
| _____ | Reading: _____ | Writing: _____ | Speaking: _____ |
| _____ | Reading: _____ | Writing: _____ | Speaking: _____ |

7. If you will be **participating in an independent study program**, please list UH course numbers for which you will receive credit and complete the enclosed Independent Field Research/Study Approval Form. Students **participating in a third party program** should list sponsoring institution courses and complete the Third Party Study Abroad Course Approval Form.

8. What is the total cost of the program? _____

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|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Air/In-country Travel | _____ |
| Living Expenses | _____ |
| Tuition and Books | _____ |
| Health Insurance | _____ |
| Program/Admin Fee | _____ |
| Miscellaneous (immunizations/visas) | _____ |
| Total | _____ |

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9. Income already committed from other sources (specify amount and source) _____

10. List other grants and fellowship programs to which you are applying for support for this project and amounts being sought _____

11. List below the names, titles and addresses of three persons from whom you have requested letters of recommendation. References should be from persons qualified to write about you, your academic and professional experience, and the project proposed in this application. Your academic advisor must be one of the referees listed.

| Name | Title | Department/Organization | Phone |
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Under the Freedom of Information Act, applicants have the right to examine letters written on their behalf unless that right is waived on the recommendation form.

D. Miscellaneous Information

1. Please describe any interests and/or hobbies you have _____

2. Please describe any activities and/or organizations you take part in _____

3. Previous travel to India

| Date | Purpose | Sponsorship |
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4. Previous travel abroad

| Date | Purpose | Sponsorship |
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5. List any illnesses or medical conditions which might require attention while in India. Please explain.

E. Acknowledgment

I certify that the information provided in my application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that awards are made based on the plan of study and financial information outlined in this proposal. If I am granted an award, any changes to my plan of study must be discussed with and approved by my academic advisor and the Office of International Affairs. Receipt of additional grants to support this project must be reported to the Office of International Affairs and may result in an adjustment to my award. If I fail to receive approval for any changes or to report additional sources of funding, I may be liable to return all or part of any award monies received as determined by the J. Watumull Scholarship Committee.

Signature of the applicant

Date

It is the applicant's responsibility to insure that all application materials, including letters of recommendation, are received prior to the deadline.

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Confidential Reference Form

Name of Applicant _____

Name/Type of Program in India _____

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 I understand I have the right to have access to letters of recommendation written on my behalf.

I wish this letter to be written in confidence and hereby waive my rights of access to this letter.

I wish to retain my rights of access.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

To the Referee:

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Please tell us how long you have known the applicant and in what capacity. Please evaluate the applicant's proposed program of study in terms of its academic and non-academic merits and provide a candid assessment of the student's ability to succeed in the proposed program. Your comments should address both the strengths and the weaknesses of the project and the candidate. If the form does not provide adequate space, you may attach additional pages.

I have have not seen the applicant's proposal.

Referee's Name _____ Referee's Signature _____

Position/Department _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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Reference forms must be received by **4:30 pm, March 4th**.

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