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. Alternatively, students may conduct pre-approved independent study overseen by a faculty member at UH in cooperation with a scholar in India.

Scholarships of up to $5,000 are awarded annually. Applications for support are due May 9, 2014. Funds should be expended by the end of the Summer 2015.

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.

- 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 plan of study, and preparedness to complete the project

- **Three confidential letters of recommendation**, to include one from the applicant's academic advisor

- **UH and other college transcript**

AND

For students participating in an independent study program:

- The **Independent Field Research/Study Approval** describing specific requirements of the research project/course of study and approved by appropriate UH faculty member(s) and the applicant’s academic advisor. *The recommendation letter from your academic advisor should include this information.*

- **Evidence of in-country support or sponsorship** in the form of a letter of affiliation or agreement from the host institution/scholar

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 **May 9, 2014**, and should be submitted *electronically* to the Center for South Asian Studies, csas@hawaii.edu. For further information about the scholarship and application materials, please contact Prof. Monisha Das Gupta, director, Center for South Asian Studies or by email at dasgupta@hawaii.edu.
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 Program in India
___ American Institute for Indian Studies Placement for Independent Study

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

1. Name ____________________________________________________________
2. Birth Date __________________________  3. Sex __________________________
6. Hawai‘i Resident: YES / NO  (if NO, state place of official residence __________________________)
7. Phone __________________________  8. Email __________________________
9. Current Mailing Address ____________________________________________
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10. Permanent Mailing Address __________________________________________
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    ____________________________________________

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:

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7. Previous academic honors, fellowships and awards __________________________
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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.

   E.g.: HINDI __________ Reading: _______ Writing: _______ Speaking: _______

6. __________ 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. Students participating in a third party program should list sponsoring institution courses.

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   __________________________________________

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

   Air/In-country Travel _________________________
   Living Expenses _____________________________
   Tuition and Books ___________________________
   Health Insurance ____________________________
   Program/Admin Fee __________________________
   Miscellaneous (immunizations/visas) __________
   Total _________________________

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.

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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

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

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3. Previous travel to India

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

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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 ________________________________________________

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☐ I wish to retain my rights of access.

Applicant's Signature ____________________________________________ Date ________________

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I have ☐ have not ☐ seen the applicant's proposal.

Referee's Name __________________________________ Referee's Signature __________________________

Position/Department __________________________________________________________

Address _________________________________________________________________________

Phone __________________________ Email ________________________________

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