

The J. Watumull Scholarship for the Study of India

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

The scholarship recipients must meet with the CSAS Director on receiving the award notification. They must submit a letter of acknowledgement to the Watumull family through the University of Hawai'i Foundation prior to receiving funds and, upon completion of their program, submit a final report highlighting their experience in India. 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.

Before leaving for their study in India, recipients are expected to undergo orientation conducted by the UHM Study Abroad Center and sign a release form.

Application materials are due by **December 10, 2017** 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. Sai Bhatawadekar, director, Center for South Asian Studies or by email at sai@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 _____
4. U.S. Citizen/Perm Resident: YES / NO 5. Social Security Number _____
6. Hawai'i Resident: YES / NO (if NO, state place of official residence _____)
7. Phone _____ 8. Email _____
9. Current Mailing Address _____

10. 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

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.

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

- 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.

Name	Title	Department/Organization	Phone

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

- Please describe any interests and/or hobbies you have _____

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

- Previous travel to India

Date	Purpose	Sponsorship

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- 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 Director of the Center for South Asian Studies (CSAS). Receipt of additional grants to support this project must be reported to the CSAS Director and may result in an adjustment to my award.

I am liable to return all or part of any award monies received as determined by the J. Watumull Scholarship Committee if:

I fail to meet the expectations of the scholarship as outlined in the eligibility and criteria section

I fail to receive approval for any changes to my plan of study

I fail to report additional sources of funding

I am unable to complete the program

I conduct myself in a fashion that violates the UH Student Code of Conduct

I conduct myself inappropriately at the host institution and in the host culture

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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