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Graduation Year: _____
Major 1: _____
Major 2: _____
Major 3: _____
Minor(s): _____
Academic Advisor(s): _____

Student ID: _____

Hometown: _____
Concentration: _____
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Luce Scholarship

Award Details:

Emphasis:

Academic

Research

Language

Experiential

International

Brief Description:

The Luce Scholars Program is a nationally competitive fellowship program. It was launched by the Henry Luce Foundation in 1974 to enhance the understanding of Asia among potential leaders in American society. The program provides stipends, language training, and individualized professional placement in Asia for 15-18 Luce Scholars each year, and welcomes applications from college seniors, graduate students, and young professionals in a variety of fields who have had limited exposure to Asia.

The award stipend includes \$26,000 (\$32,000 with spouse), plus funds for country-specific cost-of living adjustment and housing subsidy, and all program-related travel expenses.

Can The Award Be Deferred? No

Can The Award Be Renewed? No

Scholarship Conditions:

To be eligible for the Luce Scholars Program:

- Candidates must be U.S. citizens who would not have reached their 30th birthday by July 1st of the year they enter the program.
- Candidates must have earned at least a bachelor's degree or reasonably expect to receive that degree by July 1st of the year they enter the program.
- Candidates must be in physical health that will not restrict them from working in a foreign environment.
- Candidates need not presently be on campus or formally affiliated with the nominating institution. They may be selected from graduating seniors, graduate or professional students currently at the nominating institution, from recent alumni, or others the nominating institution deems appropriate.
- The intent of the program is to provide an immersion experience in Asia for an outstanding group of young Americans who would not otherwise have the opportunity to come to know Asia intimately. Those who already have significant experience in Asia or Asian studies are not eligible. Candidates however may have taken Asian language or Asia-focused courses on a U.S. campus (without majoring in Asian Studies). They may have spent up to a total of twelve weeks, or have participated in a university-organized summer program, in one or more countries where Luce Scholars are placed.
- To be successful, candidates must demonstrate an outstanding capacity for leadership, have a record of high achievement, and have mature and clearly defined career interests with evidence of potential for professional accomplishments. All fields will be considered.
- The Luce Scholars Program is experiential rather than academic in nature. Personal qualities such as flexibility, adaptability, creativity, humility, openness to new ideas, and sensitivity to cultural differences are as important as academic achievement. Candidates are not judged on the basis of whether or not they have developed specific plans for their Asian experience. A candidate may have general ideas about the kind of placement preferred, but this is not considered as either a negative or positive factor.
- Luce Scholars are chosen without regard to sex, race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnic background, marital status, or financial need.

Program Year:

The “Luce Scholar Year” involves a commitment of about thirteen months, from mid-June until late July of the following year.

Orientation

Since none of the Scholars – by definition – has a deep background in Asian affairs, the program year commences with an orientation designed to give an overview of contemporary Asia and address practical concerns about living in Asia that will assist the Scholars in making the most of their placements. The Luce Foundation convenes this nine-day orientation program in the second half of June, first in New York City, where Luce Scholars have an opportunity to meet with some leading scholars and professionals who have made Asia the focus for their careers. After the New York sessions, the Scholars travel as a group to San Francisco, where they participate in country-specific orientation at the headquarters of The Asia Foundation. The Scholars then depart from San Francisco International Airport for their individual placement countries.

Language

Luce Scholars spend July and August engaging in intensive language training in their respective placement countries. Since the program is geared to non-specialists, prior knowledge of an Asian language is not a criterion for selection. However, language study is a program requirement and is supported financially by the Luce Foundation. The level of language proficiency directly impacts the quality of a Scholar’s professional interactions and appreciation of cultural subtleties in the country where the Scholar is placed. All Scholars are encouraged to continue language study throughout their year in Asia, and special funds are available for this purpose.

Placement

Individual placements generally commence in September and last until late June of the following year. These assignments, where Luce Scholars work alongside Asian colleagues, are the heart of the Luce Scholars Program. In late October, Scholars meet for a week in one of the Asian cities for an early assessment of their experiences in Asia. Ample time is provided for discussion among individual Scholars and with the foundation staff. The goal of the meeting is to help the Scholars address potential professional and personal frustrations they might feel after the initial euphoria and develop new perspectives essential to their success in Asia.

Wrap-Up

In July, at the end of their Luce year in Asia, the Scholars gather once more for a wrap-up meeting. Each Scholar is required to make a presentation at this meeting on his or her experiences in Asia. Past venues have included Davao City in the southern Philippines, Chiang Mai in northern Thailand, Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia, Danang on Vietnam’s coast and Kunming in Southwestern China.

At the conclusion of the wrap-up meeting, the program year ends. Air transportation is provided for all travel required by the program. Besides monthly stipend and applicable housing and cost-of-living allowances, the foundation also subsidizes the shipment of personal effects. Finally, medical and travel insurance are provided for all Scholars and their accompanying spouses.

Eligibility:

Applicant Education Level:	Senior Undergraduate and beyond
Specified Majors:	None
Open to (Non-US) International Students:	No
Required to Demonstrate Financial Need:	No
Age Limit:	30

Candidate Profile: Key Characteristics Sought By Review Committee

To be successful, candidates must demonstrate an outstanding capacity for leadership, have a record of high achievement, and have mature and clearly defined career interests with evidence of potential for professional accomplishments. All fields except Asian Studies will be considered. Important personal qualities of a successful Luce Scholar include flexibility, adaptability, resilience, creativity a sense of humility, openness, and sensitivity to cultural differences. The average GPA of recipients is a 3.7.

Selection:

Number of Candidates Awarded Each Year:	17
Interview:	In-Person/Phone Interview (Travel Costs Paid)
Approximate Date Selected Candidates Are Notified:	Mid-February

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Information Sessions:

Webinars for Candidates:	No
Webinars for Advisors:	No

Website:

Official Website:	http://www.hluce.org/lsprogram.aspx
Application Form:	http://www.hluce.org/lapply.aspx

Application:

Date Application is Available:	All Year Round
Application Due Date:	Nominations due November 1, 2017
Application Must Be Submitted By:	Advisors on behalf of the candidate*
Institutional Endorsement Required:	No
Institutional Cover Letter Required:	Yes

*The Luce Foundation does not accept individual applications submitted directly to the foundation. Candidates must be nominated by one of seventy-five participating colleges and universities. Candidates need not presently be on campus or formally affiliated with a nominating institution. They may be selected from graduating seniors, graduate or professional students currently at the nominating institution, from recent alumni, or any other group deemed appropriate by the nominating institution. Each nominating institution has an internal application deadline, typically sometime in October, as well as procedures for internal candidate review. Please contact a Luce Scholars campus liaison for application details, due dates, and possible institutional endorsement.

Application Form:

The application includes the following

Luce Scholars Program Application

Deadline

Date Completed

Four Letters of Recommendation¹

Name

Position

Date Notified

Date Completed

Official transcripts from all college and graduate work

Two Photos²

1. Letters should be signed and, whenever possible, represent a range of academic and professional references.

2. They should be recent passport-size color photos; print name on the back of both photos.