



China Initiative
中国研究启动中心

CHINA INITIATIVE RESEARCH AND LANGUAGE STUDY GRANTS FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY

The China Initiative is pleased to announce four funding opportunities for Brown University graduate students and faculty: Graduate Research Awards, Awards for Graduate Language Study, and Faculty Research Awards. Application details for each award are described below.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION MATERIALS FOR ALL GRANTS LISTED BELOW IS May 13, 2024.

All materials should be submitted to the following email address:
ChinaInitiative@brown.edu

Awarded funds will become available for use on June 1, 2024, and must be used within a year of issue. Any awarded funds not expended by June 31, 2025 will be returned to the China Initiative.

All grant recipients, upon completion of the grant, will be required to submit a brief (2-3 page) report that describes the work accomplished as a result of the award.

1. CHINA INITIATIVE UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER RESEARCH AWARDS

China Initiative Undergraduate Summer Research Awards support thesis research by Brown undergraduates whose focus of study is Greater China. The awards support archival, library, and on-site field research in Mainland China or Taiwan; in exceptional cases, the awards might be used to research in other global locales relevant to the topic.

Eligibility

Undergraduate in their junior year (rising seniors) are eligible to apply for this opportunity to fund thesis research in the summer before senior year.

Amount and Duration of Awards

Grants of up to \$5000 are awarded for one summer.

Criteria for Selection

The applications will be evaluated by a committee of faculty reviewers who will make their award recommendations to the Director of the China Initiative. The final selection will be made based on the following criteria:

- a) the intrinsic merit of the work and the potential impact of the project on the academic field of study;
- b) the likelihood that the award will provide significant progress on a project that would not be possible without funding; and
- c) the academic record of the applicant, which must provide evidence of ability to complete the proposed project.

Award Conditions

Award funds may be applied toward reasonable and necessary costs of conducting research and scholarship. Some, but not all, allowable expenses include: travel, lodging, and meals while conducting research; costs of reproducing research materials; purchase of books relevant to the research project.

Reporting Requirements

Within 30 days of the completion of the award period, the recipient must provide the China Initiative with a final report that describes the work accomplished as a result of the award, indicates what progress was made on the project, and explains any changes to the project as defined in the original proposal.

Application Requirements

- a) Name of the applicant; his/her department; year in program; and name of primary advisor
- b) Proposal title
- c) A 2-page proposal (single-spaced, Arial font, at a size of 11 point or higher, with margins of at least 0.5"). The proposal should explain the research project (avoiding specialist jargon as much as possible); its significance within the field of study; the goals of the research to be conducted under the award; and a description of how these goals are to be met, with particular attention to the necessity of pre-dissertation research travel.
- d) A current curriculum vitae
- e) A budget that itemizes general categories of expenses for which the award funds will be used and a brief justification for the expenses.
- f) A list of the applicant's other current and pending funding for the proposed project, whether from external sources or from grants internal to Brown.

To be submitted separately, a letter in support of the application by the student's senior thesis advisor.

2. CHINA INITIATIVE GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS

China Initiative Graduate Research Awards support research by doctoral candidates whose focus

of study is Greater China. The awards support archival, library, and on-site field research in Mainland China or Taiwan. In exceptional cases, the awards might be used to support archival or library research in other global locales with collections relevant to the topic.

Eligibility

Doctoral students working in any discipline in the humanities and social sciences at Brown are eligible to apply. For pre-dissertation awards, priority will be given to doctoral students in the first three years of study. For dissertation research awards, priority will be given to students who have advanced to candidacy.

Amount and Duration of Awards

Grants of up to \$5,000 are awarded for pre-dissertation research of up to one year. Grants of up to \$15,000 are awarded for dissertation research for one year.

Criteria for Selection

Applications will be evaluated by a committee of faculty reviewers who will make their award recommendations to the Director of the China Initiative. The final selection will be made based on the following criteria:

- a) the intrinsic merit of the work and the potential impact of the project on the academic field of study;
- b) the likelihood that the award will provide significant progress on a project that would not be possible without funding; and
- c) the academic record of the applicant, which must provide evidence of ability to complete the proposed project.

Award Conditions

Award funds may be applied toward reasonable and necessary costs of conducting research and scholarship. Some, but not all, allowable expenses include: travel, lodging, and meals while conducting research; costs of reproducing research materials; purchase of books relevant to the research project.

Reporting Requirements

Within 60 days of the completion of the award period, the recipient must provide the China Initiative with a final report that describes the work accomplished as a result of the award, indicates what progress was made on the project, and explains any changes to the project as defined in the original proposal.

Application Requirements

For pre-dissertation research awards, each application should include:

- a) Name of the applicant; his/her department; year in program; and name of primary advisor
- b) Proposal title
- c) A 2-page proposal (single-spaced, Arial font, at a size of 11 point or higher, with margins of at least 0.5"). The proposal should explain the research project (avoiding specialist jargon as much as possible); its significance within the field of study; the

goals of the research to be conducted under the award; and a description of how these goals are to be met, with particular attention to the necessity of pre-dissertation research travel.

- d) A current curriculum vitae
- e) A budget that itemizes general categories of expenses for which the award funds will be used and a brief justification for the expenses.
- f) A list of the applicant's other current and pending funding for the proposed project, whether from external sources or from grants internal to Brown.
- g) **To be submitted separately**, a letter in support of the application by the student's primary advisor.

For **dissertation research awards**, each application should include:

- a) Name of the applicant; his/her department; year in program; and name of primary advisor
- b) Proposal title
- c) A 3-page proposal (single-spaced, Arial font, at a size of 11 point or higher, with margins of at least 0.5"). The proposal should explain the research project (avoiding specialist jargon as much as possible); its significance within the field of study; the goals of the research to be conducted under the award; and a description of how these goals are to be met (including a note on expected candidacy.) A 1-page bibliography or list of references may be added to the 3-page proposal.
- d) A current curriculum vitae
- e) A budget that itemizes general categories of expenses for which the award funds will be used and a brief justification for the expenses.
- f) A list of the applicant's other current and pending funding for the proposed project, whether from external sources or from grants internal to Brown.
- g) **To be submitted separately**, a letter in support of the application by the student's primary advisor.

3. CHINA INITIATIVE AWARDS FOR GRADUATE STUDENT LANGUAGE STUDY

China Initiative Awards for Graduate Language Study support summer East Asian (Chinese, Japanese, or Korean) language study for doctoral candidates in any discipline in the humanities or social sciences at Brown whose primary research focus is Greater China.

Eligibility

Graduate students in the first three years of a doctoral program.

Amount and Duration of Awards

Grants of up to \$5,000 are awarded for one summer.

Criteria for Selection

The applications will be evaluated by a committee of faculty reviewers who will make their award recommendations to the Director of the China Initiative. The final selection will be made based on the following criteria:

- a) the importance of the language study to the student's course of study and dissertation research;
- b) the applicant's academic record.

Award Conditions

Award funds may be applied toward reasonable and necessary costs surrounding language study. Some, but not all, allowable expenses include: tuition for language study programs, travel and housing costs associated with participation in a language study program, purchase of books relevant to the language study program.

Application Requirements

Each application should include:

- a) Name of the applicant; his/her department; year in program; name of primary advisor
- b) Statement explaining the need for language study and the programs the applicant has applied to
- c) A budget that lists program costs and any available support and their sources
- d) **To be submitted separately**, a letter of support from the applicant's primary advisor

4. CHINA INITIATIVE FACULTY RESEARCH AWARDS

China Initiative Faculty Research Awards support research by Brown faculty members whose focus of study is Greater China. The awards support archival, library, and on-site field research in Mainland China or Taiwan; in exceptional cases, the awards might be used to support research in other global locales relevant to the topic.

Eligibility

Brown faculty working in any discipline in the humanities and social sciences at Brown are eligible to apply.

Amount and Duration of Awards

Grants of up to \$15,000 are awarded for research for one year.

Criteria for Selection

The applications will be evaluated by a committee of faculty reviewers who will make their award recommendations to the Director of the China Initiative. The final selection will be made based on the following criteria:

- c) the intrinsic merit of the work and the potential impact of the project on the academic field of study;
- d) the likelihood that the award will provide significant progress on a project that would not be possible without funding; and
- e) the academic record of the applicant, which must provide evidence of ability to complete the proposed project.

Award Conditions

Award funds may be applied toward reasonable and necessary costs of conducting research and scholarship. Some, but not all, allowable expenses include: travel, lodging, and meals while conducting research; costs of reproducing research materials; purchase of books relevant to the research project.

Reporting Requirements

Within 60 days of the completion of the award period, the recipient must provide the China Initiative with a final report that describes the work accomplished as a result of the award, indicates what progress was made on the project, and explains any changes to the project as defined in the original proposal.

Application Requirements

Each application should include:

- a) Name of the applicant; his/her department
- b) Proposal title
- c) A 250-word abstract of the proposal
- d) A 3-page proposal (single-spaced, Arial font, at a size of 11 point or higher, with margins of at least 0.5"). The proposal should explain the research project; its significance within the field of study; the goals of the research to be conducted under the award; and a description of how these goals are to be met. A 1-page bibliography or list of references may be added to the 3-page proposal. The page limits will be enforced; proposals over the limit will not be considered.
- e) A current curriculum vitae
- f) A budget that itemizes general categories of expenses for which the award funds will be used and a brief justification for the expenses.

A list of the applicant's other current and pending funding for the proposed project, whether from external sources or from grants internal to Brown.