

CHINESE LANGUAGE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Chinese Language Fellowship Program (CLFP) is a nationwide initiative to support American PhD students in political science with a fellowship of up to \$45,000 so that they can devote one year to intensive Chinese language training at an institution of the fellow's choice, generally in China or Taiwan.

The program aims to strengthen the next generation of American political scientists focused on China.

Advance Chinese language abilities

Fellows will participate in a one-year intensive language program to help them acquire outstanding Chinese language skills.

Enrich the understanding of U.S.-China relations

Fellows will have a superior level of understanding of critical issues in U.S.-China relations, the capacity to shape policy in the United States, and the ability to engage with Chinese stakeholders.

Ensure the quality of instruction for future generations

Fellows who choose to remain in academia upon completion of their PhD will be well-equipped to train future generations of American students focused on China.



National Taiwan University campus

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Qualified applicants for the CLFP Fellowship will:

- Be a PhD candidate in political science, with a focus on China, at a U.S. university. (In exceptional cases, the selection committee may review applications from other policy-relevant disciplines, such as modern history or international political economy.)
- Be able to demonstrate an intermediate Chinese language ability.
- Commit to full-time intensive Chinese language study for one academic year.
- Have a desire to advance U.S. public policy toward China through improved expertise and understanding, or to contribute to scholarly research and teaching on China.
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

To apply, candidates must provide:

- A two-page summary resume (full academic CVs will not be reviewed).
- A two-page letter that addresses how their proposed Chinese language program will contribute to their language training, doctoral studies, and future plans.
- One letter of recommendation from their academic supervisor and one from a Chinese language teacher.
- A complete application form and the names of three academic/professional references.
- Official (electronic) transcripts from all educational institutions they are currently attending or from which they have received a degree.

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