

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY
LUCE SCHOLARS PROGRAM COMPETITION**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION

The Luce Scholars Program each year offers a select group of young Americans an experience in Asia designed both to broaden their professional perspectives and to sharpen their perceptions of Asia, of America, and of themselves. The Luce Scholars Program offers grants for one-year internships in any one of the following Asian countries: Japan, South Korea, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, the Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, Thailand, Singapore, and Indonesia. The program is funded by the Henry Luce Foundation and administered in Asia in cooperation with The Asia Foundation.

The purpose of the Program is to give young American leaders, who have had no prior experience in Asia, the opportunity to experience Asian culture. The Program is open to applicants in any field of study except Asian studies. Candidates must be “of the highest intellectual and professional promise,” and have a mature and clearly defined career interest in a specific field. If you have taken a course or two in Asian history, language, or art, you are not disqualified as an applicant.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens who have not reached their 30th birthday by September 1st of the year they enter the program. Candidates must have at least a bachelor’s degree or expect to have one before taking part in the program. Graduating seniors, graduate students, and alumni are eligible to apply. Because the program is geared to non-Asian specialists, prior knowledge of an Asian language is not a requirement.

Boston University may nominate three candidates for consideration by the Luce Foundation. Institutional nomination is the sole route to consideration. Applications submitted directly to the foundation cannot be accepted. To be considered for nomination, the following materials must be provided:

- A Biographic Information Form. Please use the attached form. Do not include a separate resume.
- A signed, typewritten statement of no more than 1,000 words outlining (a) long-range career interests, how they have developed, and plans for pursuing them in the future; and (b) reasons for applying to the Luce Scholars Program.
- Official transcripts of all college and graduate work.

- Four letters of recommendation which represent a range of academic, personal, and professional references.

The University Fellowships and Scholarships Committee will review complete applications and conduct interviews before selecting applicants for nomination. **Please follow Boston University's instructions for application.** Additional application materials (such as photos) will be collected after nominees have been selected.

An application form, along with information on the Program, is attached. Please forward application materials and letters of recommendation to the Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Education, One Sherborn Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02215. **The deadline for receipt of all materials is November 7, 2003. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.** Please do not staple any application materials.

If you have any questions, please call 353-2200 or send an E-mail message to bufellow@bu.edu. Additional information on the Luce Scholars Program and the Boston University Office of Fellowships and Scholarships can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.bu.edu/BUFELLOW>.



Application Procedures

Each of the colleges and universities invited to participate in the Luce Scholars Program has designated a member of its faculty or staff to serve as the Foundation's institutional liaison for this program. A participating institution may submit two nominations (or three nominations if it has successfully placed a candidate in the finals of the previous year's competition). The Luce Scholar liaison on each campus will establish procedures for internal candidate review and will provide potential candidates with the requisite application documents. Completed documentation on each of the institution's nominees must be submitted to the Henry Luce Foundation (111 West 50th Street, New York City 10020) to arrive no later than the first Monday in December. Nominations must be submitted by the Luce Scholar liaisons and not by individual candidates.

Each nominee must complete the documents listed below and submit them to his or her campus Luce Scholar liaison for forwarding to the Luce Foundation. All such materials become a part of the Luce Foundation's files and cannot be returned.

¶ Biographic Information Form. Please use the form provided; do not attach a separate resume.

- Personal Statement. A signed, typewritten document of no more than 1,000 words outlining (a) long-range career interests, how they have developed, and plans for pursuing them in the future; and (b) reasons for applying to the Luce Scholars Program.

¶ Academic Transcripts. Official transcripts of all college and graduate work.

- Two Recent Passport-size Photographs (black and white preferred). Name should be printed on the back of both pictures.

¶ Four Letters of Recommendation. Whenever possible, letters should be typewritten and represent a range of academic, professional, and personal references.

- Address Information Card.

An initial screening of the nominees will be made by the Luce Foundation during December and January. A personal interview with each nominee will be held during this period at a location convenient to both the nominee and the Foundation.

Early in February, approximately forty-five finalists will be selected from the total pool of nominees. They will be invited to appear, at Foundation expense, before one of three regional selection committees that meet in late February and early March. Each of these committees will interview fifteen finalists: each will select six Luce Scholars. All eighteen Luce Scholars will have been named by mid-March. Nominees eliminated from consideration will receive timely notification.

Eligibility

Nominees must be American citizens who have not reached their 30th birthday by September 1st of the year they enter the program.

Nominees must have earned at least a bachelor's degree or reasonably expect to receive that degree prior to Sep-

tember 1st of the year they enter the program.

Nominees must be in good physical and emotional health.

Nominees need not presently be on campus. They may be selected from the class of graduating seniors at the nominating institution, from ranks of recent alumni, from graduate or professional students, from recent recipients of advanced or professional degrees at the institution, or from junior faculty.

Criteria for Selection

Nominees should have a strong, mature, and clearly defined career interest in a specific field. Any professional field will be considered, with one exception—Asian Affairs (see below).

Nominees should have demonstrated a strong motivation and potential for accomplishment within their chosen field.

Nominees should have a record of outstanding academic achievement, particularly in their special

Nominees should have given evidence of an outstanding capacity for leadership.

Nominees should have more than usual openness to new ideas and a sensitivity to their fellow human beings.

Please keep in mind that the single most important consideration is that a nominee give evidence of potential for leadership and accomplishment, both within a chosen profession and as a member of the broader American community.

Some estimate should be made about how well the nominee would function in an Asian setting, noting such qualities as flexibility, adaptability, tact, sensitivity, and personal initiative.

Nominees should not be judged on the basis of whether they have developed specific plans for the Asian experience. A contender may have general ideas about the kind of placement preferred, but this should not be considered as either a negative or positive factor.

Proscriptions

Nominees will be considered ineligible if they have a professed career interest in Asian Affairs, or if they have made that an area of academic concentration. Asian Affairs would include Asian language, literature, history, politics, philosophy, or any other aspect of Asian studies. A single course or two in these areas, however, would not disqualify an individual.

Nominees will also be considered ineligible if they have already had a significant exposure to East or Southeast Asia, whether through service in the Peace Corps, a period of foreign study or residence in Asia, or extensive travel in that region.

Keep in mind that the intent of the Program is to provide an intensive experience in Asia for an outstanding group of young Americans who would not, during the normal course of their careers, expect to have such an exposure.



Biographic Information

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK)

1. Name LAST FIRST MIDDLE

What do your friends call you? Date

2. Nominating Institution

3. Current Occupation (what and where)

Social Security No.

4. Are you now a candidate for a degree? If so, what? Date expected?

5. Current Address STREET

CITY STATE ZIP

6. Current Telephone AREACODE NUMBER

7. Permanent Address (if different) STREET

CITY STATE ZIP

8. Age Date of Birth Place of Birth

9. Marital Status Full name of spouse

10. Spouse's college or university degree(s), and dates,

Field of interest

Current occupation.

11. Dependents: NAME AGE RELATIONSHIP

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12. If a change in marital or dependency status is contemplated prior to the beginning of the Program, please specify:

Return this form to the Scholar liaison officer at the nominating institution.

13. List in reverse chronological order all educational and professional schools attended, going back to high school.

INSTITUTION	FIELDS OF STUDY (MAJOR) (MINOR)	YEARS ATTENDED	DEGREE	DATE RECEIVED
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14. List in reverse chronological order previous employment (including military service).

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER			
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15. Please list the major non-academic activities you participated in while attending college.

briefly, indicating any positions held or awards received. (Attach additional page if necessary.)

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16. List activities other than those given above which may be relevant to this application including any learned, scientific, professional or artistic societies of which you are a member, and articles or books you have published.
17. List any special honors, awards, or fellowships you have received.
18. List other schools or special training programs (vocational, trade, Armed Forces, or business) and dates, subjects and certificates.
19. you have lived or traveled in any foreign country, state the years, countries, length of time and purpose (military service, business, education, or vacation).
20. List languages (other than English) of which you have knowledge and indicate your present level of proficiency (excellent, good, fair).

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21. List the five college courses you feel have been of the greatest value to you and indicate why (in one sentence each).

22. Name and address of parents NAME

STREET

TELEPHONE

CITY

STATE

ZIP

23. Name and address of next of kin in the U.S. if different from #22 (other than spouse). indicate relationship.

NAME

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24. Citizenship

25. Do you have any physical disabilities or have you had any serious illness which might restrict you in working in a foreign environment?

26. Have you been arrested and convicted of any offense (exclude traffic violations for which you were fined \$75 or less), or have you ever been discharged

from the Armed Forces under other than honorable circumstances? your answer is "yes," give details.

27. Name of hometown newspaper

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28. Use this space to continue responses that do not fit in any of the fields provided on previous pages.

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The Henry Luce Foundation, Inc.

Personal Statement

Full Name

Nominating Institution



Personal Statement (Contd.)