

THE ROBERT H. N. HO FAMILY FOUNDATION PROGRAM IN BUDDHIST STUDIES

The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation initiative, in its second year, supports research and teaching in Buddhist studies. The program, administered by the **American Council of Learned Societies** with funding from The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation, offers an integrated set of fellowship and grant competitions to expand the understanding and interpretation of Buddhist thought in scholarship and society, strengthen international networks of Buddhist studies, and increase the visibility of innovative currents in those studies.

There are no restrictions as to the location of work proposed or the citizenship of applicants.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Dissertation Fellowships provide one-year stipends to allow Ph.D. candidates to devote full time to preparing dissertations. The fellowship period may be used for fieldwork, archival research, analysis of findings, or for writing after research is complete.

- Stipend: \$30,000
- Tenure: Ten consecutive months devoted full time to the dissertation to be initiated by September 30, 2015. No other employment is permitted.
- Deadline: October 22, 2014

Postdoctoral Fellowships provide two years of funding to recent recipients of the Ph.D. for residence at a university for the purpose of revising the dissertation into a publishable manuscript or for beginning the first new project after completion of the Ph.D. degree. The teaching of one course per year will be encouraged. Priority will be given to residence at universities providing a collegial atmosphere and working conditions that enable the postdoctoral fellow's entry into an academic career in Buddhist studies.

- Annual stipend: \$55,000
- Tenure: Fellowship period must begin between June 1, 2015 and September 30, 2016, and must last for two academic years, subject to the regulations of the host institution.
- Deadline: October 22, 2014

Collaborative Research Grants support work that may be interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary. International and multilingual projects are encouraged. Especially welcome are projects that relate different Buddhist traditions to each other or that relate scholarship on the broad Buddhist tradition to contemporary concerns in other academic fields.

- Maximum award: \$200,000
- Tenure: The grant period must begin between June 1, 2015 and September 30, 2016. Grant periods may vary according to project needs, but they should be planned for between one and two years' duration.
- Deadline: October 22, 2014

Visiting Professorships allow universities and colleges to host distinguished scholar-teachers in Buddhist studies as visiting professors for one semester or one academic year. Institutions with existing programs of Buddhist studies may strengthen their curricula and research capacity. Institutions without such programs may accept a visiting professor as a means of exploring the contribution this field could make to the institution's portfolio.

- The award must cover salary, insurance, relocation, housing, research, and modest direct university expenses. A budget must be provided in the application and must not exceed \$200,000 per annum.
- Deadline: January 14, 2015

Please visit the ACLS website for more information: www.acls.org/ programs/buddhist-studies/. Please email BuddhistStudies@acls.org with any inquiries.

ACLS President Pauline Yu, who is also a member of The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Board of Directors, will have a booth at the 17th Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies and she will also be available for consultations Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday morning, and by appointment.

