How do I apply?

1. Attend a mandatory Light Fellowship information session
2. Review our eligibility requirements
3. Start an application through the Yale Student Grants Database
4. (Optional) Meet with the Light Fellowship Staff
5. Complete all required application items
   - Remember to request your language evaluation and letter of recommendation 4-5 weeks in advance of the relevant deadline. You are responsible for ensuring your recommender(s) submit their letter by the deadline.
   - If you are a transfer, graduate school, or professional school student, remember to request all required transcripts as soon as possible
6. Apply to language program(s) at Light Fellowship Approved Sites Abroad – each program has a different timeline and application requirements, which may include separate letter(s) of recommendation. You may not need to apply before the Light Fellowship deadlines, but you must obtain admission to at least one Light-approved program in order to receive the Fellowship.
7. (Optional) Apply for credit for Light Fellowship study through the Study Abroad office: [http://studyabroad.yale.edu/](http://studyabroad.yale.edu/)

For more information on our eligibility requirements and application process, please visit our website: [http://light.yale.edu/](http://light.yale.edu/)

When do I apply?

The Light Fellowship has two competitions each academic year. The Early Fall Competition is for students planning to study abroad for the Spring term in 2019. The Late Fall Competition is for students applying for Light funding for Summer 2019, Fall 2019, and the 2019-20 Academic Year.

Below are deadlines for the Early Fall and Late Fall Competitions.

**Early Fall Competition Dates and Deadlines**

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**Late Fall Competition Dates Deadlines**

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All deadlines are non-negotiable and strictly enforced. We encourage you to submit your application early to avoid any technical issues with submission.

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How do I apply to Light approved programs?
Remember: You must separately apply and be admitted to a program at an Approved Site Abroad in order to receive the Fellowship.

1. Read about the programs on our website: http://light.yale.edu/approved-sites-abroad
2. Read Fellows’ blogs and program reports (click “Fellows’ Bulletin Board” on each program page)
3. Learn more about the programs, application timeline, and required materials on each program’s website (click “Contact this Program”)
4. Discuss program options with language instructors, faculty, and Light Fellowship staff
5. Attend events hosted by the Student Advisory Committee
6. Let your language evaluator and recommenders know which programs you plan on applying to that will require additional recommendations or evaluations
7. We recommend you apply to at least your top choice program and one backup program

I still have questions. What do I do?
For questions about the Light Fellowship:

- Visit our website and read our FAQs: http://light.yale.edu/faqs
- Read Former Fellows’ blogs and program reports: http://light.yale.edu/about/light-fellowship-bulletin-board
- Email us with your questions: light.fellowship@yale.edu
- Stop by the Fellowships Office (55 Whitney, 3rd Fl) during drop-in hours: Fridays 2-4 PM
- Make an appointment with Light Fellowship staff: http://light.yale.edu/about/request-appointment

For questions about Study Abroad Credit:

- Visit the Study Abroad website: http://studyabroad.yale.edu
- Make an appointment with the Assistant Director: http://studyabroad.yale.edu/advising-lin

Other Opportunities & Sources of Funding:

Yale Fellowships and Funding: http://funding.yale.edu
Yale Student Grants Database: http://studentgrants.yale.edu
International Summer Award: http://funding.yale.edu/types-funding/international-summer-award-isa
Council on East Asian Studies: http://ceas.yale.edu/academics/fellowships-grants/ceas-grants
MacMillan Center – Grants for Graduate & Professional Students: http://macmillan.yale.edu/graduate-professional-student-grants
MacMillan Center – Grants for Undergraduate Students: http://macmillan.yale.edu/undergraduate-student-grants-fellowships
Yale-China Programs: http://www.yalechina.org/programs

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