

THE RICHARD U. LIGHT FELLOWSHIP

CHINESE, JAPANESE, & KOREAN LANGUAGE STUDY IN EAST ASIA

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 Light Fellowship Staff
5. Complete your application, which includes a language evaluation, recommendation, personal statement, transcripts, all completed and submitted through an online application
 - Remember to request your recommendation **4-5 weeks** in advance of the relevant deadline. You are responsible for ensuring your recommendation is submitted on time.
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 Study Abroad credit: <http://studyabroad.yale.edu/>
 - Spring: By October 15
 - Summer: By March 1
 - Fall/Academic Year: By April 1

For more information on our eligibility requirements and application process, please visit our website: <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

Early September		Application opens
September 18 (Tues)	1:00 PM	Deadline to start an application
September 25 (Tues)	1:00 PM	Deadline for recommendations & language evaluations
October 2 (Tues)	1:00 PM	Deadline to submit completed application

Late Fall Competition Dates Deadlines

Early October		Application opens
December 14 (Fri)	1:00 PM	Deadline to start an application & upload lang. eval. form
January 9 (Wed)	1:00 PM	Deadline for recommendations & language evaluations
January 15 (Tues)	1:00 PM	Deadline to submit completed application

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

Learn more: light.yale.edu | **Contact us:** light.fellowship@yale.edu

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.

- Think about your academic and personal goals and decide what term you want to study abroad
- Explore programs on our website: <http://light.yale.edu/approved-sites-abroad>
- Read Fellows' blogs and program reports (click "Fellows' Bulletin Board" on each program page)
- Learn more about the programs, application timeline, and required materials on each program's website (click "Contact this Program")
- Discuss program options with language instructors, faculty, and Light Fellowship staff
- Connect with former Fellows and attend events hosted by the Student Advisory Committee
- Let your language evaluator and recommenders know which programs you plan on applying to that will require additional recommendations or evaluations
- Apply to your top choice program and consider one backup option

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:

Other East Asia-related Opportunities: <https://light.yale.edu/resources/other-opportunities>

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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