2019 Henry Rosovsky Undergraduate Summer Research Travel Grant

The Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies (RIJS) will award competitive summer research travel grants for Harvard undergraduates in the humanities or social sciences for research and/or fieldwork in Japan, relating directly to a senior honors thesis in an area of Japanese studies. Typically, the period of research is 2 months, but this may vary. Applicants must be in good academic standing and have completed at least two years of Japanese language study or have comparable proficiency; in the case of exceptionally strong projects, more limited language background may be considered. It is important that applicants begin drafting research proposals early, in close consultation with their professor(s). Applicants should give their recommenders a copy of their proposal to read before letters of recommendation are written. Grants up to $5,000.

Application Process:

1) Apply using CARAT, Harvard’s web-based application tool, at: https://apps2.registrar.fas.harvard.edu/carat/
   After logging in with your Harvard credentials, select “Reischauer Institute Henry Rosovsky Undergraduate Summer Research Travel Grant” to start your application. This application requires:
   1. Two letters of recommendation
   2. Proposal of 750 words or less
   3. Itemized travel budget sheet
   4. Current one-page résumé
   5. Current unofficial transcript

2) Submit your completed application on CARAT by Monday, February 4, 2019, 5 PM.

3) Announcement of the awards will be made directly to the student by the first week of April. Students have 1 week from the date of the acceptance letter to accept or decline the offer.

Application Instructions to the RIJS Henry Rosovsky Undergraduate Summer Research Travel Grant:

- Application must be supported by two letters of recommendation. One must be from an instructor supervising or familiar with your research. Both recommenders should comment on the suitability of your project, as well as any relevant personal attributes. If requesting a recommendation from a Japanese language instructor, please provide the instructor with the “Language Instructor Reference” sheet (available on the website). Letters of recommendation must be uploaded to CARAT by the recommender or his/her proxy.

- Your 750-word proposal must describe the research in question, modes of analysis, degree of preparation for the project, types of resources to be used, research sites and contacts, and a tentative timeline/schedule of your research travel.

- Research topics that involve living human subjects (including interviews) must be approved by the University’s Committee on the use of Human Subjects in Research (CUHS). You are responsible for making sure that you conform to University guidelines. For guidance, please see http://cuhs.harvard.edu/ and then consult with your faculty advisor. CUHS staff is also available to respond to your questions at cuhs@fas.harvard.edu, 617-496-2847.

- You must inform the Reischauer Institute if you receive any other awards for this proposal after you submit this application.

- Any incomplete applications, or those that do not follow the instructions above, will not be considered.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, February 4, 2019, by 5:00 PM on CARAT.

For more information, please contact the Program Coordinator: Jennie Kim (jennie_kim@harvard.edu).