CALL FOR SUMMER 2018 DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS

Ricci Institute for Chinese-Western Cultural History
University of San Francisco (USF)

The USF Ricci Institute is a premier global resource for the study of Chinese-Western cultural exchange with a core focus on the social and cultural history of Christianity in China. Besides its more than 80,000 volumes of books in Chinese and Western languages, its library also includes a digital copies of: (1) the Japonica-Sinica Manuscript Collection from the Roman Archives of the Society of Jesus (ARSI); (2) the Francis A. Rouleau Microfilm / Digital Archival Collections’ (3) the Canton Diocese Archival Collection; (4) the Passionist China Collection; (5) Anthony E. Clark Collection, and (6) other archival materials.

The Ricci Institute invites applications for Doctoral Research Fellowships in-residence for the summer of 2018.

This fellowship is open to doctoral candidates who have completed all course work and have defined their specific research topic. In other words, we do not envision candidates who have yet to begin their dissertation research and writing. We invite research proposals that will benefit substantially from consultation of the archival and/or library holdings of the Ricci Institute in order to complete the candidate’s dissertation.

Topics of enquiry may include Chinese-Western cultural history, local society and politics, history of education and other charitable enterprises, history of Christianity in China, history of diplomacy, art and art history, science and history of science, comparative studies of Christianity and cultures in China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam, etc.

This fellowship requires a mandatory residence of three months. All successful applicants will be expected to participate in the mandatory orientation on June 1, 2018. Late arrivals and early departures will only be accepted for extraordinary reasons and will require approval well in advance. The stipend is up to $4,000/month. Candidates are highly encouraged to apply for any necessary supplemental funding for their travel and stay from their home institutions.

Applicants who are non-U.S. citizens or permanent residents will need to contact the Ricci Institute well in advance for information regarding English proficiency, visa, and health insurance requirements.

While at USF, besides conducting his/her own research, the recipients of the fellowship are expected to present and participate in research seminars at the Ricci Institute, and interact with other researchers in residence at the Ricci Institute, USF faculty and students as well as scholars and researchers from the San Francisco Bay Area about his/her research.

Submit by January 5, 2018: (1) latest Curriculum Vitae; (2) a 5-10 page double-spaced proposal in English for research to be conducted while in residence at the USF Ricci Institute. This document should include specific proposed activities as well as the contribution the scholar hopes to make in the relevant field(s); and how the research is related to the mission of the USF Ricci Institute; (3) a proposed budget and other funding sources, if any; (4) two up-to-date letters of recommendation (one letter should come from the supervisor of the applicant’s dissertation). Applicants will be informed of the result by February 2018.

Submit the application cover letter with a most recent C.V., research proposal and budget electronically by email to: lee@usfca.edu with the Subject Line: “Summer 2018 Doctoral Research Fellowship Application”. Letters of recommendation must be submitted directly from the recommenders on an institutional stationary either electronically to the above email address or by regular mail to:

Research Fellowship Review Committee
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