

**CIEE Ping Foundation Fellowships
In Support of Study Abroad Doctoral Research
2011 – 2012 Academic Year**

INTRODUCTION

The Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), a leading U.S. not-for-profit international educational exchange organization, invites Directors of Graduate Studies (or if a Department has no DGS, the Chair) to nominate a qualified doctoral candidate for a Ping Foundation Fellowship.

These Fellowships provide support for doctoral research focused on U.S. undergraduate study abroad. Funded through a small endowment, the Fellowships are named after Dr. Charles Ping, a gifted teacher and scholar, a tireless advocate for the internationalization of U.S. higher education, President Emeritus of Ohio University, and former Chairman of CIEE's Board of Directors.

CIEE intends that these awards will replace some or all of a Fellow's eight- or nine-month remuneration as a Graduate or Teaching Assistant, thereby allowing him or her to make more rapid progress toward successful completion of the doctoral degree.

Fellows are therefore expected to work full-time on their own dissertation research during their Fellowship year. ***They may not hold additional positions or employment.*** Other non-service financial support that is consistent with their institution's Graduate School policies may be permitted.

Ping Graduate Fellowships are awarded through a highly competitive process. Full-time graduate students who are interested in these awards should read the following information before they ask their department's Director of Graduate Studies (or Department Chair, if there is no DGS) to complete the attached Nomination Form.

FUNDING: Amount of Award and Conditions for the Candidate's Institution

CIEE will provide up to two doctoral Fellowships for the academic year, each worth \$20,000.

A candidate's home institution will agree to two conditions regarding this funding. First, it will agree that no amount of the award will be used to pay indirect costs to the institution (as a matter of policy, CIEE does not pay indirect or overhead costs). Second, it will agree that if a candidate is offered and accepts a Fellowship, thereby foregoing other employment at his or her home institution during the tenure of the Fellowship, the institution will exempt the candidate from paying tuition and fees during the tenure of the Fellowship.

Only one candidate per institution can be funded for the academic year.

RESEARCH TOPICS: U.S. STUDY ABROAD

Candidates must be writing (or about to begin writing) a dissertation focused on an aspect of U.S. undergraduate study abroad. CIEE is especially interested in funding candidates whose research shows promise of contributing in concrete ways to the improvement of study abroad practices (before, during or after study abroad experiences) and student learning.

CIEE's interest in research includes, though is not restricted to, questions like the following:

- What types of study abroad experiences, or what types of program characteristics, correlate positively with career satisfaction, and with success in one's chosen career?
- Are there learner characteristics that correlate positively with career success or satisfaction?
- Are there program characteristics and educational interventions that correlate positively with student learning in various learning domains?
- Are there approaches and practices of pre-departure and/or re-entry programs that correlate positively with gains in student learning?
- Do former study abroad participants show evidence of having acquired knowledge, perspectives and skills that students who did not study abroad did not acquire to the same degree? Do such differences between former participants and non-participants vary over time?
- Are there skills, perspectives and knowledge associated with specific types of study abroad programs that correlate positively with career success and/or fulfillment?

CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

By the opening date of the fall academic term:

- The candidate must be writing, or about to begin writing, a dissertation focused on some aspect of U.S. undergraduate study abroad.
- The candidate must have successfully completed all doctoral coursework, and his or her qualifying examination.
- The candidate must be enrolled full-time as a graduate student at the university where he or she completed the doctoral coursework and qualifying examination.
- The candidate must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) for all previous graduate work.

- The candidate must provide a summary of the prospectus (a maximum of five double-spaced pages) describing the dissertation research project that his or her doctoral committee has approved.
- The candidate's record should provide evidence of outstanding academic and scholarly achievement.
- The candidate must be devoted full-time to his or her dissertation research.

NOMINATION PROCESS

- Copies of the Nomination Form for Ping Foundation Fellowships in Support of Study Abroad Research can be accessed online at <http://www.ciee.org/study/why-ciee/ping-research.aspx>
- Candidates for Ping Study Abroad Research Fellowships must be nominated by the Director of Graduate Studies of the candidate's degree program (or the Department Chair if the candidate's Department has no DGS).

The Director of Graduate Studies (or Department Chair, if there is no DGS) will submit, by mail, an application packet that includes four (4) complete sets of:

1. A completed Ping Fellowship Nomination form (attached).
2. A letter of nomination from the Chair of the candidate's dissertation committee that discusses in detail the significance of the proposed dissertation research, including its potential for contributing to the improvement of U.S. study abroad practice and the learning of students enrolled in programs abroad.
3. A letter of recommendation from a second faculty member who can speak directly to the candidate's academic and scholarly achievements and potential.
4. A statement from the Director of Graduate Studies (or Chair, if there is no DGS) that acknowledges: a) that the institution will not use any part of the award to cover indirect costs, and b) that during the period of the Fellowship, the institution will exempt the candidate from paying tuition and fees.
5. The candidate's curriculum vitae (not longer than three pages).
6. A summary of the approved prospectus (not longer than five double-spaced pages).
7. Evidence of the candidate's research potential and capabilities, as demonstrated through abstracts of: research presentations, publications, articles

accepted for publication and not yet published, or other significant academic or scholarly accomplishments.

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications that do not meet all of the above criteria will not be considered. Selection of up to two candidates and two alternates for these awards will be made by a committee chaired by Dr. Michael Vande Berg, CIEE Vice President for Academic Affairs. Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate the potential to complete the dissertation during the award year.

DUE DATE FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations with all the documentation described above (four complete sets) must reach the CIEE office by no later than April 30, 2011. Send complete application packets to: Dr. Michael Vande Berg, CIEE Vice President for Academic Affairs, 300 Fore Street, Portland, ME 04101. (Please direct any questions to Dr. Michael Vande Berg at mvandeberg@ciee.org)

Nomination Form

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The Director of Graduate Studies (or Department Chair, if there is no DGS) will submit, by mail, four (4) complete application packets. This “Nomination Form” is the first of the required documents that will make up each application packet (see below for a complete list of the required documents).

Deadline for receipt of the four completed application packets: April 30th. The four completed packets should be mailed to: Dr. Michael Vande Berg, Ph.D.; Vice President for Academic Affairs; 300 Fore Street; Portland, ME 04101.

Candidate Information:

Full Name (last, first): _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Degree Program: _____

Date candidate passed qualifying exam (MM/DD/YY): _____

Please include the following items in each of the four Nomination packets. (See the award announcement at <http://www.ciee.org/study/why-ciee/ping-process.aspx> for detailed information.)

- A copy of this Nomination Form, completed by the candidate’s Director of Graduate Studies (or Department Chair, if there is no DGS).
- A letter of nomination from the Chair of the candidate’s dissertation committee that discusses, in detail, the significance of the proposed dissertation research, including its potential for contributing to the improvement of U.S. study abroad practice and the learning of students enrolled in programs abroad.

- A letter of recommendation from a second faculty member who can speak directly to the candidate's academic and scholarly achievements and potential.
- A statement from the Director of Graduate Studies (or Department Chair, if there is no DGS) that acknowledges: a) that the institution will not use any part of the Ping award to cover indirect costs, and b) that during the tenure of the Fellowship, the institution will exempt the candidate from paying tuition and fees.
- The candidate's curriculum vitae (not longer than three pages).
- A summary of the approved prospectus (not longer than five double-spaced pages).
- Evidence of the candidate's research potential and capabilities, as demonstrated through abstracts of: research presentations, publications, articles accepted for publication and not yet published, or other significant academic or scholarly accomplishments.

Name of Director of Graduate Studies

Date

(If no DGS, Name of Department Chair)

Telephone Number

Email

Signature of Director of Graduate Studies

(If no DGS, Signature of Department Chair)