



Call for Applications: 2023-2024 Luce Scholars Program

The **Luce Scholars Program** provides stipends, language training, and individualized professional placement in Asia for 18 Luce Scholars each year. Open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents the foundation welcomes applications from college seniors, graduate students, and young professionals in a variety of fields, with a range of backgrounds and experiences, who have had limited exposure to Asia. These work assignments run for approximately ten months, from September until July of the following year, and are intended primarily as learning opportunities for Luce Scholars.

Luce Scholars are active in: Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, and Timor Leste.

Award Timeline:

June 15, 2022 – Competition begins and online application portal opens

October 1, 2022 - All application materials must be submitted by 11:59 pm ET

Early November – Semi-finalists are invited for virtual interviews with a Luce Scholars alumnus

Early December - Finalists are notified of their status and invited to a finalist weekend

First week of January - During the finalist weekend, the remaining candidates attend programming, workshops, and one-on-one interviews

Early February - Cohort of Luce Scholars is publicly announced

Criteria: To be successful, candidates must (1) demonstrate an outstanding capacity for leadership, (2) have a record of high achievement, and (3) have mature and clearly defined career interests with evidence of potential for professional accomplishments. (4) Personal qualities such as flexibility, adaptability, creativity, humility, openness to new ideas, and sensitivity to cultural differences are as important as academic achievement.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Luce Scholars Program, candidates must:

- Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- Candidates may be graduating seniors, graduate students, or young professionals under the age of 32 or, no more than three years out from receiving bachelor's degree.
- Candidates who have majored in Asian Studies are now eligible to apply
- Candidates who have spent 18 weeks or more (since beginning college) in one of the countries where we place Luce Scholars are eligible to apply to be placed in a country where they do not have significant experience.

Application Process: Candidates must first complete an eligibility questionnaire. If eligible, they will be prompted to complete the application which includes the following:

- **Written Application** – Candidates provide biographical and contact information, respond to short answer questions, and write a personal statement and 400-word-max bio.

- Request Forms for Two Letters of Recommendation (LOR) – Candidates complete a form for each recommender. Once a form is submitted, an email is triggered to the recommender. Letters must be uploaded separately by the recommenders. LORs can be from academic, professional, or collegial references. They should come from people who know the candidate well and can speak to their skills, abilities, and potential. LORs should be signed on official letterhead whenever possible.
- Academic Transcripts – Candidates upload transcripts of all college and graduate work.
- A 1-3 Minute Video – Candidates record and upload a 1–3-minute video based on the provided prompt. The video gives program administrators a chance to get to know the candidate beyond the page.

The application deadline is October 1st at 11:59 pm. Late applications—including transcripts and letters of recommendation—will NOT be accepted. You do not have to complete your application in one sitting; you can save your work at any point as frequently as necessary. Once you submit your application, you will no longer have access to it, so be sure to print a copy for your records prior to submitting.

Application Procedures: <https://apply-lucescholars.smapply.io/res/p/ApplicationProcedures/>

Link to Apply: <https://apply-lucescholars.smapply.io/acc/l/?next=/prog/262740/apply/>

****Application is called the Luce Scholars Program 2022 Application but the program will take place in 23-24****

Funding: If selected, Luce Scholars will receive monthly stipend during the course of their program that will cover their cost of living. Amounts vary dependent on country placement. Stipends are given directly to the awardee and do not pass through their affiliated institution.