LI-CHING GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP
Center for Asian Studies
Walker Institute for International and Area Studies
University of South Carolina

The Center for Asian Studies and the Walker Institute of International and Area Studies are pleased to offer the Li-Ching Graduate Fellowship in the amount of $2,500, renewable for two additional years, to incoming PhD students who show exceptional promise in Asian Studies. One fellowship will be awarded per year.

This fellowship is made possible by the Li-Ching Fellowship Fund, which was established in 1994 through a generous donation from the Li-Ching Cultural and Educational Foundation (立青文教基金會).

Qualifications
- Must have applied to a doctoral program and met all admission requirements.
- Outstanding undergraduate or master’s level record.
- Primary area of interest must be in Asian Studies. In accordance with the bequest, preference will be given to students with research interests in the Greater China region. Nominations of students in all areas of Asian Studies will be considered.

Program Guidelines
- The award amount for the Li-Ching Graduate Fellowship is $2,500/year, renewable for 2 subsequent years for doctoral students, contingent upon adequate progress toward the degree and available funding.
- Funds may be applied to tuition, fees, or student stipends. For students receiving other financial aid awards such as teaching or research assistantships, the Li-Ching Graduate Fellowship must be used to increase the total amount of their stipend by $2,500 above the level offered by standard funding packages in the student’s home program or department.

Nominations
Nominations are only accepted from the Graduate Director of each academic program. Nominations should include a brief statement from the Graduate Director summarizing the student’s qualifications, as well as the student’s application statement and transcript(s). Successful candidates will have promising research agendas, accomplished academic records, and superior standardized test scores. Nominations should be sent to Prof. Michael Hill, Director, Center for Asian Studies (hillmg@sc.edu) by January 31, 2014. Nominating materials will be accepted in hard copy or electronic format. Please forward hard copy submissions to Prof. Hill c/o Center for Asian Studies, Walker Institute, Gambrell Hall.