Freeman Fellowships for Student Research in Asia

Freeman Fellowships for Student Research are awarded to Bowdoin students to encourage study and research in Asia. These fellowships are intended to increase understanding and awareness of Asia among students majoring in any academic discipline by supporting research or study projects in Asia resulting in the award of academic credit. Fellowships may be taken during summer months, winter break, or between semesters. Fellowships may also be used to support credit-bearing summer language training in Asia. Fellowships may not be used for study away programs during the academic year. These fellowships are made possible by a generous grant from The Freeman Foundation.

Funds are available for travel, room and board, and research expenses. The maximum award is $6000. Students on financial aid who propose projects requiring an entire summer are also eligible for a grant of $1600 to replace summer income.

Students are expected to develop proposals in consultation with a faculty mentor. Students are encouraged to contact a member of the Freeman Committee at least two weeks prior to the deadline for applications. Because Freeman Fellowships are intended to encourage scholarly work of academic value, projects should result in work that will earn course credit toward the Bowdoin degree, typically by means of an independent study or honors project or language study.

Applicants for Freeman Fellowships should include the following (1 original and 5 copies):

1) a narrative proposal, no longer than 1500 words in length. In the case of a research project, the proposal should explain the nature of the topic or the problem to be researched, the background which the student brings to the proposed study, the methods of study to be used, the sources of information to be analyzed, and other resources of significance (such as foreign faculty, institutions or higher learning, government or non-government organizations, etc.) to be utilized in the study. In the case of a language study program, the proposal should explain how such study would contribute to the student’s educational goals, and should include materials describing the program;

2) a current Bowdoin transcript;

3) a detailed budget; and

4) a recommendation from a faculty mentor who does work in an area of study that relates to the proposal and who has agreed to supervise the project. Please contact the faculty mentor at least one week in advance to request a recommendation.
5) include your name, class year, campus address, email and campus phone number on the front of your application.

The criteria for selection will include: the quality, coherence, and feasibility of the project described in the narrative proposal and the project’s relevance to the student’s educational plans.

Applications will be reviewed by a faculty committee, once in the fall, and once in the spring. Applications for the Spring semester grants are due to Beth Levesque, in the office of the Dean of Student Affairs by 4 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2004.

Students awarded fellowships will be expected to write a 1-3 page report that will be circulated to the faculty on the Freeman Committee and included in the institution’s annual report to the Freeman Foundation.