

The Sheng Yen Education Foundation Grant for Ph.D. Dissertation Research

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The Sheng Yen Education Foundation is launching a new grant program to provide support for young scholars in modern Chinese Buddhism research. This annual grant is designed to support **Ph.D. Dissertation Research**.

The Grant is limited to modern Chinese Buddhism. The foundation especially welcomes research projects on topics closely related to Dharma Drum Mountain and Master Sheng Yen. Several US \$4000 and US \$10000 grants will be awarded to students at three levels of research:

1. Pre-generals reconnaissance research (\$4,000)
2. Post-generals dissertation research (\$10,000)
3. Dissertation completion research (\$10,000)

The grant may be used toward research in home institutions, other European or American institutions, or study abroad in China or Taiwan. If the grantee decides to live and to do research in Taiwan for a period of time, s/he is welcome to stay at Dharma Drum Mountain at a nominal fee of \$300 per month, which includes room and board and use of library facility at the Chung-Hwa Institute of Buddhist Studies.

Eligibility for the Ph.D. Dissertation Research Grant:

1. Currently enrolled Ph.D. candidates in Religious Studies, East Asian Studies, or equivalent departments in the United States and Europe.
2. Dissertation must be written in English.
3. No more than six years in the degree program; grantees may hold this grant no later than their seventh year.

Application Requirements:

1. Completed application form.
2. Proposal (no more than 5 pages, double spaced).
3. Bibliography (no more than 2 pages).
4. A completed draft chapter of the dissertation, an approved dissertation proposal (for Ph.D. applicants), or a sample research paper on Chinese Buddhism.

5. A detailed budget of anticipated expenditures for the research. Requests for travel grants must specify the extent of funding available from the home institution.
6. Statement of all university and external support received during graduate study: fellowships, teaching or research assistantships, tuition grants, and summer support. The statement must also include all university and external support to which you are currently applying.
7. A two-page (maximum) curriculum vitae.
8. Two academic recommendation letters. The application will not be considered if these are omitted. The letters should be sealed and included in the application package.
9. Any future research publication that stems from this grant will acknowledge funding received from The Sheng Yen Education Foundation.

Applications and required documents should be sent **by regular mail** to The Sheng Yen Education Foundation: Address: No. 56, Sec. 2, Jen-Ai Road. Taipei, Taiwan (Post Code: 10056). (e-mail address for questions, phd_grant@shengyen.org.tw).

Deadline for receipt of application materials should be post marked no later than January 15, 2008. Applications received after this date may not receive consideration. Applications will only be considered for projects that begin on or after June 1, 2008. Awards will be decided by The Sheng Yen Education Foundation Committee. Applicants will be notified of decisions by mid-April or sooner. Acceptance of grant must be received through email by April 30, 2008.

Grantees will receive half of the grant in May and receive the remainder at the end of December. Arrangements to receive the full amount may be available in special cases. Change of proposed research topics by grantees must be made known to The Sheng Yen Education Foundation. At the end of the one-year award tenure, grantees are required to submit a **final report to The Sheng Yen Education Foundation.**