U.H. Professor Misawa Honjo International Fellowship 2006

Objectives of the fellowship:

1. To encourage students of the University of Hawaii to study at Japanese undergraduate and graduate universities (Waseda, Keio and Hitotsubashi and other appropriate universities); and

2. To encourage undergraduate and graduate students of those Japanese universities to study at the University of Hawaii

Fellowship Amount and Number of Recipients:

A total fellowship amount of 2.4 million yen (about $24,000 according to the exchange rate) shall be granted to four recipients a year. The average amount awarded per student is approximately $6,000. The foundation holds the right to make decisions on the number of recipients and fellowship amount granted to each recipient, based upon the applications it has received in that year. If there are no qualified applicants in a given year, the fellowship for that year will not be granted.

General conditions for selection:

This fellowship must be used for formal study in the visiting country. It may not be used for travel only. Student grantee must live in the visiting country at least for one regular academic semester (residency required and the summer session is considered as a regular semester). The recipients have to have a bank deposit account in Japan before February 1, of the visiting year. This is necessary for the foundation to enjoy the tax benefit in Japan.

Specific conditions for selection:

(1) Fellows from UH

1. Students of UH (graduate and undergraduate) may apply. U.S. citizenship is preferred.

2. Preferential treatment will be given to those who are applying to Waseda, Keio and Hitotsubashi, which maintain student exchange relations with UH. Students who are applying to other appropriate universities will be considered case by case.

3. Preferential treatment will be given to those who are able to conduct daily conversations in Japanese.

4. Preference will be given to applicants who have received other financial sources. (Research grants and tuition grants.)

5. The applicant must believe in the importance of international exchange of culture and be willing to contribute to that cause. Grantees shall be obligated to attend the meetings of exchange fellows in Tokyo which are held once or twice a year by the foundation.

6. Study in Japan under this program shall benefit the person’s acquisition of academic degrees at UH or the university in Japan (It is preferred that individuals transfer credits obtained at the university in Japan to UH).

7. After the study in Japan, the grantee must return to the United States. (A temporary stay in Japan in order to intern or earn a higher degree will not be questioned.)

8. The grantee shall be obligated to submit a status report (cc. Professor Misawa) to the foundation for each semester. The grantee shall also submit a study result to the foundation (cc. Professor Misawa) when the school term is over. The study
outline must be attached to the application. Students are recommended to take Fin 321 or Fin 637 taught by Professor Misawa.

(2) Fellows from Japan to UH

1. The applicant must be an undergraduate or graduate student of Waseda, Keio and Hitotsubashi which maintain student exchange relations with UH. Students who are applying for undergraduate or graduate schools of other appropriate universities will be considered case by case.

2. The applicant must have English proficiency with a TOEFL score of 550 or higher.

3. The applicant who already has received major scholarships will be excluded. Research grants and tuition grants will not be questioned. (The intention is to avoid students becoming grant-rich.)

4. The applicant must believe in the importance of international exchange of culture and be willing to contribute to that cause.

5. Study at UH under this program shall benefit the person’s acquisition of the graduate academic degrees in Japan (It is preferable for the individual to attempt to transfer the credits obtained at UH to the university in Japan).

6. Residency requirement in Hawaii is one semester or one summer session. After the study abroad, the grantee must return to Japan. (A temporary stay in U.S. due to an internship or studies toward obtaining a higher degree will not be questioned.)

7. The grant is a maximum of $6,000 (the amount may be less depending on each case.)

8. The grantee shall be obligated to submit a status report (cc. Professor Misawa) to the foundation for each semester.

9. Students are recommended to take Fin 321 or Fin 637 taught by Professor Misawa.

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