



The GW Confucius Institute Shih Scholarship

Background:

Professor Chung-wen Shih received her PhD in English Literature at Duke University and was a Post-doctoral Fellow in East Asian Studies at Harvard University. She was Assistant Professor of Chinese at Stanford University before joining the faculty at The George Washington University in 1971, where she was Chairman of the Department of East Asian Language and Literature for over 20 years. She published numerous books and produced several film documentaries on China's modern writers and the Tang culture. She has been a benefactor of the University for many years.

In 2014 Professor Shih established an endowed scholarship under the GW Confucius Institute. The scholarship is intended for GW students to reflect Dr. Shih's interest in promoting cultural exchange between the East and the West. The recipient(s) of the scholarship are to be current or future George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences medical students who have demonstrated an interest in integrating traditional Chinese medical practices (such as acupuncture) with Western Medicine.

The Scholarship:

Selected participant(s) will receive up to \$15,000 applied to international scholarly opportunities for academic year 2017-2018.

Eligibility:

1. Undergraduate students at the George Washington University who have accepted admission to GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences' MD Program through the early selection process and students participating in the BA/MD program.
2. Currently matriculated medical students at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Application Materials:

Eligible applicants should submit the following materials for review by the committee:

- Resume
- Official transcripts (undergraduate and graduate as applicable)

- Personal statement describing your interest in East-West cultural exchange, experiences in Eastern culture, evidence of interest in integrating Chinese medical practices into Western Medicine, and any relevant travel or academic studies supporting these experiences or interests. (maximum of 4 pages double spaced)
- Proposal with a detailed description of your project that includes objectives and intent of the experience, as well as its content, structure, learning objectives, and time line
- Provide a budget indication how you intend to use the funding throughout the project
- Provide a letter of support from your project mentor – to include his/her intent to provide guidance and support through the duration of the project
- At least two letters of recommendation, at least one from a faculty member at the George Washington University.

Deadline for Applications: Sunday, December 31, 2017

Reporting Requirements:

- A paper describing the scholar’s project, experience, and any results and implications for the project
- A presentation to the Confucius Institute, which may include faculty, students, and the selection committee

Selection Process and Criteria:

The selection committee will be convened by the GW Confucius Institute and will include representatives from the Institute, the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, and the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Applications will be reviewed and scored based on the following criteria:

- Academic Excellence
- Quality and organization of the proposed project (i.e. potential to achieve goals and objectives).
- Educational value of proposed project
- Relevance of project to the mission of the Confucius Institute and to students’ long-term goals
- Quality of the infrastructure and support by the mentor/host organization.
- Potential for Success – will take into account factors such as interpersonal skills, professionalism and leadership.

Questions and Completed Application Materials should be submitted to:

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