

The College of Education is offering a doctoral study opportunity that has been established to enhance global understanding. The *Fellowship for Enhancing Global Understanding* is intended to highlight the importance of global understanding for future educational researchers, leaders, and teachers through the enhancement of doctoral students' experiences with international education policies and practices. These fellowships will be awarded to up to ten doctoral students. The fellowship recipients will spend three weeks in May-June, 2011 at Southwest University in Chongqing, China to learn first-hand about Chinese culture and K-16 education. During their stay, the participants will visit schools in China, observe classrooms, and interact with Chinese students, educators, administrators, policy makers, and university leaders and researchers under the guidance and with the assistance of faculty of the host university.

Participants are required to attend pre-trip monthly orientation sessions organized by the College of Education and do a modest amount of reading in preparation for these sessions. Each fellow is also responsible for securing his/her passport, visa, and immunizations. The College will provide letters of support as necessary. Upon completion of the study tour, the fellows are expected to submit an individual formal report reflecting on their experiences in China, and as a group offer a colloquium-type event for graduate students and faculty.

The amount of the fellowship is \$3250. These funds will be applied to travel expenses (airfares) and other necessary expenses (housing, meals, cultural experiences) incurred in China. All travel arrangements will be made by the College as group discounts will make the costs more affordable. We anticipate that travel will cost between \$2100-\$2300, housing will be provided by Southwest University at a subsidized rate (approximately \$20 per night for a single room). All participants will be required to stay as a group at Southwest University during the trip.

College of Education doctoral students who can demonstrate satisfactory progress toward their degree are eligible to apply. Please note that if you are awarded this fellowship you may not assume any teaching assistantship that overlaps with the duration of this trip. As an applicant, you are asked to submit an updated vita, secure a recommendation from your advisor, and prepare a **two-page** application that addresses the following questions:

- What is your field of study, areas of research interest and particular areas (content, age group, role as in teacher, administrator, etc.) for observation and engagement?
- What particular research questions do you want to pursue through your visit? Why?
- One expectation in this program is that participants will present, in a seminar format, their own research or some topic in education research in which the applicant has knowledge or expertise. What seminar topic do you propose?
- What has made you interested in enhancing your understanding of global/international issues in education?
- Have you been to Asian countries and if so, which ones and for how long? How will this trip to China enhance your understanding of this particular area?

Travel and Accommodations. The selected participants will fly to Beijing and spend 2-3 days there as a cultural introduction to China, you will then fly to Chongqing for the study trip, and at the end of the trip, you will fly to Shanghai to return to the United States. In your application, please note any health-related concerns (e.g. asthma, mobility). Finally, this is a sponsored study trip and thus, no spouses may accompany participants even if the cost is covered by the participant or spouse. Please know that not all costs cannot be anticipated and our estimates are based on last year's study tour. If, at the conclusion of this trip, you wish to stay longer in Shanghai or travel elsewhere in China or the Far East, any additional costs must be absorbed by you and will not be part of the overall College allocation. MSU will not be responsible for these post-study tour arrangements.

Applications will be reviewed by the College of Education and also by the prospective host institution. The selection process may involve an interview of finalists. MSU will work with Southwest University to match each candidate with a faculty member or advanced doctoral student to serve as mentor and/or guide during the visit. Recipients of the fellowship will be notified by the end of the Fall semester.

Deadline for application: **January 31, 2011**

Send electronic applications to boshea@msu.edu

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For more information about the host university, visit the web site:

Chongqing's Southwest University: <http://www.swu.edu.cn/english/index.html>