

## The J. Watumull Scholarship for the Study of India

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The purpose of the J. Watumull Scholarship for the Study of India is to promote understanding of India through scholarship support of University of Hawai'i students with a focused and well-developed proposal to study for a minimum of two months in India.

The scholarship will support students in areas of study such as the visual and performing arts, history, philosophy, religion, and politics as well as any other field including the professional schools and community college programs. Students will be expected to be enrolled in courses at a recognized Indian institution, including the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Study Abroad program at Ambedkar University-Delhi. Alternatively, students may conduct pre-approved independent study overseen by a faculty member at UH in cooperation with a scholar in India.

Scholarships of up to \$5,000 are awarded annually. Applications for support are due **March 20, 2015**. Funds should be expended by the end of the Summer 2016.

### Eligibility and Criteria:

- Undergraduate and graduate students from any UH campus and in any degree seeking, professional or community college program may apply.
- Only U.S. citizens and permanent residents are eligible.
- Awards will be made on the basis of academic merit to students in good academic standing. It is expected that students will have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Consideration will also be given to service to the community and other activities and experience of the applicant.
- Students may be enrolled part-time, but must be making progress towards a degree as evidenced by continuing enrollment and specific courses taken.
- The proposed course of study must contribute to a broader understanding and deeper appreciation of Indian culture and contemporary issues. The program does not necessarily have to be directly related to the student's major area of study, but must be approved by the student's advisor.
- Students will be required to be affiliated with an Indian institution/scholar.
- Students must earn credit for their program.
- Preference will generally be given to students who are 1) not in their graduating year or 2) who have had no prior first-hand experience in India.
- At the time the program in India takes place, recipients are expected to be continuing University of Hawai'i students. Graduated students may not receive this scholarship.

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The J. Watumull Scholarship Application and Supporting Materials will include:

- **Application for Scholarship** form
- A **2-3 page double-spaced essay** describing what the applicant will gain from the study program, the applicant's plan of study, and preparedness to complete the project
- **Three confidential letters of recommendation**, to include one from the applicant's academic advisor
- **UH and other college transcript**

AND

For students participating in an independent study program:

- The **Independent Field Research/Study Approval** describing specific requirements of the research project/course of study and approved by appropriate UH faculty member(s) and the applicant's academic advisor. *The recommendation letter from your academic advisor should include this information.*
- **Evidence of in-country support or sponsorship** in the form of a letter of affiliation or agreement from the host institution/scholar

The scholarship recipients must meet with the CSAS Director on receiving the award notification. They must submit a letter of acknowledgement to the Watumull family through the University of Hawai'i Foundation prior to receiving funds and, upon completion of their program, submit a final report highlighting their experience in India. Please note that filing of the report constitutes permission to publish this material in the CSAS newsletter or in other appropriate venues in order to highlight and publicize the scholarship.

Before leaving for their study in India, recipients are expected to undergo orientation conducted by the UHM Study Abroad Center and sign a release form.

Application materials are due by **March 20, 2015**, and should be submitted *electronically* to the Center for South Asian Studies, [csas@hawaii.edu](mailto:csas@hawaii.edu). For further information about the scholarship and application materials, please contact Prof. Monisha Das Gupta, director, Center for South Asian Studies or by email at [dasgupta@hawaii.edu](mailto:dasgupta@hawaii.edu).

### Application for Scholarship

Please check below to indicate the type of program you are applying for support for:

- UH Independent Field Study/Research
- UHM Study Abroad Center Program in India
- American Institute for Indian Studies Placement for Independent Study

**A. Personal Information** (please note that some information requested below is in anticipation of the visa application)

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Sex \_\_\_\_\_
4. U.S. Citizen/Perm Resident: YES / NO
5. Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_
6. Hawai'i Resident: YES / NO (if NO, state place of official residence \_\_\_\_\_)
7. Phone \_\_\_\_\_
8. Email \_\_\_\_\_
9. Current Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Permanent Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**B. Academic Information**

1. University of Hawai'i Campus \_\_\_\_\_
2. Major/Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_
3. Class Standing (circle one): Freshman / Sophomore / Junior / Senior / Masters / PhD
4. Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name of Academic Advisor \_\_\_\_\_
6. Applicant's academic history, beginning with most recent:

College or University	Dates of Attendance	Degree Earned/Expected	Major/Field of Specialization

7. Previous academic honors, fellowships and awards \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C. Project Information**

In addition to the information requested below, all applications must include a 2-3 page double-spaced project statement describing your proposed course of study in India, your preparedness to complete the project, and what you hope to gain from your study program in India.

- 1. Title of Project/Program \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Site(s) of proposed study/research in India \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Dates of proposed Project/Program \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Project Summary

- 5. Total number of months to complete your program in India \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Is a foreign language required in order to complete your project or participate in the program you have selected?  
YES / NO

If YES, please rate your relevant language training as GOOD, FAIR or MINIMAL.

E.g.: <u>HINDI</u>	Reading: <u>Good</u>	Writing: <u>Good</u>	Speaking: <u>Good</u>
_____	Reading: _____	Writing: _____	Speaking: _____
_____	Reading: _____	Writing: _____	Speaking: _____

- 7. If you will be **participating in an independent study program**, please list UH course numbers for which you will receive credit. Students **participating in a third party program** should list sponsoring institution courses.

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\_\_\_\_\_

- 8. What is the total cost of the program? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Air/In-country Travel \_\_\_\_\_
  - Living Expenses \_\_\_\_\_
  - Tuition and Books \_\_\_\_\_
  - Health Insurance \_\_\_\_\_
  - Program/Admin Fee \_\_\_\_\_
  - Miscellaneous (immunizations/visas) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Total** \_\_\_\_\_

- 9. Income already committed from other sources (specify amount and source) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- 10. List other grants and fellowship programs to which you are applying for support for this project and amounts being sought \_\_\_\_\_

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11. List below the names, titles and addresses of three persons from whom you have requested letters of recommendation. References should be from persons qualified to write about you, your academic and professional experience, and the project proposed in this application. Your academic advisor must be one of the referees listed.

Name	Title	Department/Organization	Phone

Under the Freedom of Information Act, applicants have the right to examine letters written on their behalf unless that right is waived on the recommendation form.

**D. Miscellaneous Information**

1. Please describe any interests and/or hobbies you have \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Please describe any activities and/or organizations you take part in \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Previous travel to India

Date	Purpose	Sponsorship

4. Previous travel abroad

Date	Purpose	Sponsorship

5. List any illnesses or medical conditions which might require attention while in India. Please explain.

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\_\_\_\_\_

**E. Acknowledgment**

I certify that the information provided in my application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that awards are made based on the plan of study and financial information outlined in this proposal. If I am granted an award, any changes to my plan of study must be discussed with and approved by my academic advisor and the Director of the Center for South Asian Studies (CSAS). Receipt of additional grants to support this project must be reported to the CSAS Director and may result in an adjustment to my award.

I am liable to return all or part of any award monies received as determined by the J. Watumull Scholarship Committee if:

I fail to meet the expectations of the scholarship as outlined in the eligibility and criteria section

I fail to receive approval for any changes to my plan of study

I fail to report additional sources of funding

I am unable to complete the program

I conduct myself in a fashion that violates the UH Student Code of Conduct

I conduct myself inappropriately at the host institution and in the host culture

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**It is the applicant's responsibility to insure that all application materials, including letters of recommendation, are received prior to the deadline.**

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**Confidential Reference Form**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Type of Program in India \_\_\_\_\_

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 I understand I have the right to have access to letters of recommendation written on my behalf.

I wish this letter to be written in confidence and hereby waive my rights of access to this letter.

I wish to retain my rights of access.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**To the Referee:**

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I have  have not  seen the applicant's proposal.

Referee's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Referee's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Department \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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