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Dear Ms. Cao,

The Harvard-Yenching Institute welcomes your continuing participation in its visiting scholars program in the 2023-24 academic year. We are especially pleased to share this announcement with you in hopes that we will return to normal program operations after the irregularities occasioned by the pandemic in the past three years.

For the academic year 2023-24, your institution is invited to nominate up to a total of **four** (4) candidates from among your most promising faculty for application to our program. Reflecting the mission of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, nominated scholars must be working in the humanities and social sciences with an emphasis on culture. We seek outstanding scholars whose work is academic rather than applied. Scholars whose research focus is comparative, and includes one or more Asian countries, are especially welcome. After initial review of all the applications, we will continue the practice of Zoom interviews that was put in place last year. In addition, we would like to remind you that although there is no age limit for applicants, **preference is given to younger scholars who are in the early stages of their academic career**. We would greatly appreciate your posting the Harvard-Yenching Institute Visiting Scholars program information on your university website for wide circulation.

The following is a summary of the Visiting Scholars program:

This program offers **faculty members in the humanities and social sciences** (not limited to China Studies or East Asian Studies) the opportunity to undertake 10 months (from August 2023 to May 2024) of study and research at Harvard University and/or other appropriate universities. Approximately 20 applicants are chosen each year as researchers at the Harvard-Yenching Institute, with full access to Harvard University libraries and facilities. Scholars are provided a stipend to cover living expenses while at the Institute. Applicants and university/academy administrators will be notified of selection results in mid-February 2023. The selection criteria include English proficiency, academic training (including PhD degree in most cases), quality and originality of the research proposal, demonstrated depth of subject knowledge, and feasibility of conducting the research at Harvard University and/or other major universities in the United States. **In cases where qualifications are roughly equal, priority is given to those candidates who have not recently spent substantial time at an American university.** Successful applicants will work with faculty at Harvard and/or other appropriate universities, and are required to make at least one public presentation in English on their proposed research project during their stay at the Institute.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **September 30, 2022**.

In the coming months, HYI staff representatives will be available through online meetings with our partner universities' international office staff and interested faculty to provide comprehensive information sessions and share HYI program updates. We plan to schedule a Webinar for all partner universities' international office staff to share program details. We are happy to answer questions and address concerns you may have about HYI programs. We will also schedule a Zoom info session for faculty members interested in applying for the program. We will share with you details about these events when available. As always, we look forward to further collaboration with our partner universities across Asia.

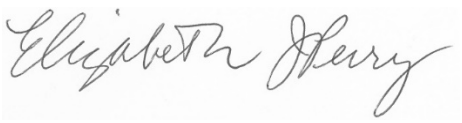
We will use the HYI online application system, and **nominated Visiting Scholars Program candidates will apply online**. The Institute requires all candidates to be officially nominated by their home institutions. Further instructions about the online application system are included in the attachment [About the online application system.PDF]. Please note: you should feel free to use the attached application form for conducting the internal nomination process within your institution.

The Institute has recently compiled a list of answers to "frequently asked questions" concerning fellowship applications (including information on eligible fields and selection criteria, the research proposal, recommendation letters, interviews, and the application review process). We encourage you to share this link with your applicants: https://www.harvard-yenching.org/helpful-information-for-fellowship-applicants/

Please note that the Institute cannot accept the applications of an institution if it nominates more than **four** (4) candidates. The Institute also does not accept individual applications. Scholarship applications sent directly to the Institute without official approval by an authorized nominating institution will not be considered. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter to Lindsay Strogatz via e-mail at <hyiprog@fas.harvard.edu>.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter. We appreciate your kind attention and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Elizabeth J. Perry, Director
Harvard-Yenching Institute

APPENDIX

1. Eligibility:

Visiting Scholars Program candidates should have been serving at their home university for at least three years (before August 1, 2020) as a full-time faculty member. Scholars who gained their PhD from an institution outside of Asia within the past five years (after 2018) are not eligible. Previous recipients of a Visiting Scholar fellowship from HYI are not eligible to reapply for this program.

2. Coverage of the scholarship:

- Round trip economy class airfare
- A stipend of US $7,000 per month for 10-month residence
- Health Insurance up to the amount of $4,500
- Funding (up to $5,000) for hiring a research Assistant or an editor, and for participating in academic conferences or/and making brief research trips in North America

Fields of Research

Candidates' fields of research in the humanities and social sciences to be considered:

- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Area and International Studies
- Art and Architectural History
- History (including economic and legal history)
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Media and Film Studies
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Study of Religion
- Sociology
- Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Scholars in the fields of Economics, Education, Geography, Law, Psychology, and Public Administration may be considered, but must check with the Institute before submitting applications. If the research field of any potential candidate falls outside the disciplines mentioned above, and you are not sure if the candidate is eligible for the program, please contact Lindsay Strogatz at <hyiprog@fas.harvard.edu> before submitting an application.