



NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA

APPLICATION PACKET

For

NCTA Field Study Opportunities in East Asia -- Summer 2010

For NCTA alumni in the states of:

Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, and New York (lower)

Application Deadline

January 25, 2010

Applications must be submitted **in triplicate** and **by mail**.

(Faxed and emailed applications are not accepted)

For more information and mailing address, please contact your NCTA site:

Please return the form below to NCTA Office indicated for your state:

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

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Dear NCTA Alumni:

If you wish to participate in any of the Field Study opportunities offered below -- please complete the application form attached and return your completed application to the contact person indicated below at your NCTA site office **by Monday, January 25, 2010.**

You have the choice of traveling to just one country or two. Please consult the list of itineraries on page X and check ONLY ONE option.

We believe that we will be able to accommodate everyone accepted for travel in his or her first choice. If you are accepted for travel, but we find we are unable to accommodate you in your first choice, we will contact you and offer you another choice.

IF you have traveled previously on a NCTA Study Tour, you are NOT eligible to apply in 2010.

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Study Tour Goals

The goal of the Study Tour experience is to provide individual educators with professional development opportunities that will help expand their understanding of East Asia. As professional development opportunity for educators, the Study Tour is designed to provide a pivotal experience. It is the culmination of a period of classroom study (NCTA seminar) during which educators have acquired new professional expertise on East Asia. The Study Tour provides them with a practical experience helpful in utilizing this new expertise. The Study Tour will prepare educators to strengthen curriculum on East Asia in their school districts.

Study Tour Itinerary

Please see a complete list of itineraries below.

Study Tour participants will visit cities relevant to the study of traditional and contemporary East Asia. Travel will be by air, train, and bus. Lodgings will be modest.

****Note:** The itinerary for this Study Tour is physically demanding. There will be a great deal of walking. Temperatures can reach 95+ degrees in some places. Participants will often be responsible for carrying their own luggage, in some cases up several flights of stairs. If you have any questions about your own physical condition for participating in this program we strongly recommend that you check with your physician as soon as possible. For those who are not used to regular exercise or a rigorous physical regimen, now is the time to start getting yourself in shape!

Study Tour Prerequisites

- 1) Completed NCTA seminar.
 - 2) Taught full-time for two years.
 - 3) Currently teaching or supervising curriculum areas with significant Asia content.
 - 4) Plan to teach or supervise full-time for the academic year following the Study Tour.
 - 5) IF you have traveled previously on a NCTA Study Tour, you are NOT eligible to apply in 2010.
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Itineraries, Focus, and Leaders

(Date in italics is the date the group leaves the U.S.; if you are joining the group in Asia, you begin with the next date that is not in italics.) *(TBC = to be confirmed)*

CHINA:

China I

(June 4) June 5 – June 18

Itinerary: Beijing, Xian, Wuhan (inc. six-day residence at Huazhong Normal University in Wuhan)

Focus: history and art, gardens, architecture

Leaders: Nancy Hope, University of Kansas
Chuck Payne, Kansas

China II

(June 16) June 17 -- June 29

Itinerary: Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou

Focus: history; contemporary economic issues

Leaders: Thomas Ganschow, University of Georgia
Lucien Ellington, University of Tennessee/Chattanooga

China III

(June 28) June 29 -- July 8

Itinerary: Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou

Focus: history and culture

Leader: Jeff Kyong-McClain, University of Arkansas
Jessica Stowell, University of Oklahoma

KOREA:

(June 17) June 18 – June 27

Itinerary: Seoul, DMZ, Gyeongju

Focus: history, religion, contemporary life, political situation

Leader(s): Donald Clark, Trinity University
Robert Oppenheim, University of Texas (invited; TBC)

JAPAN:

Japan I**

(July 9) July 10 – July 19

Itinerary: Tokyo, Nara, Kyoto, Hiroshima, Osaka airport

Focus: history, Buddhism, theater

Leader(s): James Leavell, Furman University
Farley Richmond, University of Georgia

Japan II**

(July 9) July 10 – July 19

Itinerary: Osaka airport, Hiroshima, Kyoto, Nara, Tokyo

Focus: history, religion, literature

Leader(s): *John Tucker, East Carolina University*
Yoko Kano, University of North Carolina – Wilmington
(Invited; TBC)

(**Japan groups I and II travel during the same time period; itineraries are identical, in reverse order)

VIETNAM

(July 20) July 21 - July 30

Itinerary: Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hue, Hoi An, Saigon/Ho Chi Min City

Focus: history, contemporary life

Leader(s): Hue-Tam Ho Tai, Harvard University
Sue Gronewold, Kean University (invited; TBC)

Logistics for Travel between Two Programs:

If an applicant wishes to attend more than one program, he or she may do so, up to a total of two. (If the two programs are consecutive, we will arrange the travel between the two sites. If the programs are not consecutive, however, the participant is responsible for his or her own travel in Asia prior to the second of the two programs. We can provide guidance by referral to qualified travel advisers in this case.)

Fees:

1. **Fund for Teachers:**
 - a. Applicants from the cities of Houston, Atlanta, and the state of Oklahoma must submit evidence that they have applied to the Fund for Teachers for funding to support their participation in the program. FFT deadline is January 29.
 - b. All others must certify that their school district is not eligible for this funding. If an applicant's school is eligible to receive Fund for Teachers support, that applicant must be willing to apply as "a" above.
(Click on your state at Fund for Teachers: Apply at <http://www.fundforteachers.org/apply.html>)
2. Participants who are not eligible for Fund for Teacher fellowships are responsible for:
 - a. \$1,000 co-payment for participation in one field study (or \$1,500 if they opt to participate in two of the field study sites),
 - b. a \$100 in cash contribution to the "tip fund" at the time of travel,
 - c. and, for those selecting two countries, the cost of travel between the two countries when the travel agent is unable to negotiate it as part of the basic round-trip ticket.
3. Participants who are eligible to apply for, and who subsequently receive, Fund for Teachers fellowships, www.fundforteachers.org, are responsible for:
 - a. \$4,000 co-payment for participation in one field study (or \$5,000 if they opt to participate in two of the field study sites),
 - b. a \$100 in cash contribution to the "tip fund" at the time of travel,
 - c. and, for those selecting two countries, the cost of travel between the two countries when the travel agent is unable to negotiate it as part of the basic round-trip ticket.

*** Participants eligible for Fund for Teachers must submit copies of their applications to FFT to us, and they must notify NCTA of the action FFT takes on their applications NCTA will, in turn, make certain to notify FFT that you have been accepted to participate in our program. This should strengthen your application to FFT.*
4. All applicants must also arrange their own travel to and from the departure city in the U.S. (The departure cities will be one of the following, depending on where the agent can secure the best group rate for the destination involved: Atlanta, New York, Houston or Chicago.)
5. Applicants are urged to approach their school districts and local civic clubs for travel support to cover the costs mentioned above.

Professional Development Credit:

Following the conclusion of the field study programs, all participants will receive a letter certifying their participation in 25 hours of professional development for each field study program in which they participated.

Conditions of Participation

- 1) All participants must assume responsibility for obtaining and bear the costs of obtaining immunizations, passport, and photos for special visas, if necessary.
- 2) Prior to departure, all participants are required to submit \$1000 (\$1,500 if traveling to two countries) for participation in the Study Tour. (*Upon acceptance, you will be instructed on the name of the travel agent to whom the check should be made.*) This will help defray the cost of airfare and in-country expenses. Other program costs (including roundtrip travel from the United States, domestic travel within the country visited, lodging, most meals, entry tickets, and program costs) will be covered by NCTA. **Fund for Teachers recipients will submit differently.**
- 3) All participants are required to participate in an on-line pre-trip discussion board
- 4) All participants are required to participate in a follow-up on-line discussion board

2010 Study Tour Timeline:

January 25, 2010	Application deadline Three signed copies of the application to be submitted. Faxed and e-mailed applications will <u>not</u> be accepted.
February 15, 2010	Notification of candidates
March 1, 2010	(1) Notification of acceptance by candidates (2) Deadline for receipt of \$1000 travel deposit (<i>Upon acceptance, you will be instructed on the name of the travel agent to whom the check should be made.</i>) Those teachers who have applied for FFT should send in an acceptance letter by March 1 but may postpone sending their check until after they have heard from FFT on March 31, 2010.
April 1 – June 1, 2010	Participation in pre-trip Discussion Board
April 1, 2010	(1) Deadline for submission of proof of international health insurance (2) Mail Xerox of passport pages to appropriate office. (<i>Upon acceptance, you will be instructed where to send passport information.</i>) Those travelers needing individual visas must mail their passport, with completed visa application and passport-size photos to the appropriate travel agent. (<i>Upon acceptance, you will be notified of this.</i>)
See schedule	Tentative Study Tour Dates (participants must bring \$100 in cash for the “tip fund”)
August 1 – October 1	Participation in post-study tour Discussion Board

APPLICATION FORM
Cover Sheet

Name: _____

State: _____

Email address: _____ Telephone: _____

Are you eligible to apply for support from *Fund for Teachers*: _____ YES _____ NO

Have you traveled in Asia before?

If yes, please list countries and years:

Please check the field study program option you might be interested in joining in Summer 2010:

You have the choice of traveling to just one country or two. Please consult the list of itineraries on page 4.

CHOOSE between option A and option B below, and the follow instructions. You cannot list multiple options!

We believe that we will be able to accommodate everyone accepted for travel in his or her first choice. If you are accepted for travel, but we find we are unable to accommodate you in your first choice, we will contact you and offer you another choice

A. I would like to travel to just one country, as indicated below (if you choose option A, please check 1 line and no more:

_____ Korea only (June 17) June 18 – June 27

_____ China only _____ China I: (June 4) June 5 – June 18
_____ China II: (June 16) June 17 -- June 29
_____ China III: (June 28) June 29 -- July 8

_____ Japan only _____ Japan I: (July 9) July 10 – July 19
_____ Japan II: (July 9) July 10 – July 19

_____ Vietnam only (July 20) July 21 - July 30

B. I would like to travel to two countries, as indicated below (if you choose option b, please check only 2 lines and no more:

_____ Korea (June 17) June 18 – June 27

_____ China _____ China I: (June 4) June 5 – June 18
_____ China II: (June 16) June 17 -- June 29
_____ China III: (June 28) June 29 -- July 8

_____ Japan _____ Japan I: (July 9) July 10 – July 19
_____ Japan II: (July 9) July 10 – July 19

_____ Vietnam (July 20) July 21 - July 30

* If there is a gap of a week between the dates of the two programs you choose, you are responsible for your travel in the interim, between the two programs. Travel agent is available to advise.

Information Page

Name _____

Location of NCTA seminar _____ Date (year) _____

Social Security Number _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone _____

School _____

School Address _____

School Telephone _____

School Fax _____

E-mail Address _____

Have you taught full time for a minimum of 2 years? _____yes _____no

Do you currently teach about China or Japan? _____

Teaching Discipline _____

I have worked at the following schools (include addresses and dates of employment):

_____ Dates _____

_____ Dates _____

_____ Dates _____

Do you have a valid U.S. Passport? _____

(Those who do not have a passport and are accepted to the program should be prepared to for a passport immediately upon acceptance.)

Do you have any medical conditions relevant to arduous travel? *(use reverse if necessary)*

Agreement Page

I have carefully read and considered the description of the NCTA Study Tour information entered on the Information Page is true, correct and complete.

I certify that I meet the following prerequisites for participation:

- have successfully completed at least one semester-long course sponsored by NCTA
- have taught full-time for a minimum of 2 years;
- currently teach full-time or supervise a curriculum area related to East Asia;
- am physically and mentally fit to undertake an extremely arduous three-week travel and study tour in China, Japan, Korea and/or Vietnam.

If selected to participate, I agree:

Prior to the Study Tour:

- to contribute \$1000 for participation in the Study Tour by March 1, 2010 or \$1,500 if accepted to two programs. (*Upon acceptance, you will be instructed on the name of the travel agent to whom the check should be made.*) Those teachers who have applied for FFT should send in an acceptance letter by March 1, but may postpone sending their check until after they have heard from FFT on March 31, 2010.
- to assume responsibility for obtaining and to bear the costs of obtaining all immunizations, passport, and visa photos by April 1, 2010;
- proof of international health insurance by April 1, 2010;
- to participate in a pre-trip discussion board from March – June; and
- to contribute \$100 in cash at the time of departure.

During the Study Tour:

- to participate in all scheduled activities and to remain with the group until completion of the Study Tour except in the case of emergency.

Following the Study Tour:

- to enhance the study of East Asia in my classroom and/or school district;
- to present an informational staff-development program for colleagues in your school district, following the trip, on resources and class materials related to the study tour experience.
- to participate in a post-trip discussion board

Applicant's Signature

Date

Print Name

I verify the above information is correct:

Principal or Supervisor

Date

Print Name

Supporting Documents

Please attach additional pages for the following:

1) A one-page statement indicating:

- a. how the study tour experience you have selected will benefit the course(s) you currently teach;**
- b. how you will reach other colleagues in your school system with materials and/or information on Asia as a result of your experience.**

Please include any of the following: What do you view as your personal educational mission? How do you see your participation in the Study Tour as part of your personal mission? (Include also, if appropriate, some information about your professional background, your goals as a teacher, any professional organization you are involved in and the capacity of your involvement. Give details about the professional development workshops you have given in your school and the areas in which you have developed curriculum.)

2) Principal's or supervisors signature on your Agreement page verifying that the information is correct

3) Passport Information

Most governments in Asia require that all travelers have passports that are valid for six months following the date of return from their country. We request all applicants to submit a photocopy of the first page of their passport. (If you don't have a passport, please be sure to tell us in your application.). Visas will be obtained for you by our travel agent after you have submitted your acceptance letter and check.

4) Optional (but recommended): Recommendation letter(s) from a colleague(s) familiar with your work. No more than two, please.

Application Check List

The completed application (in triplicate) must be received by your local NCTA office by **January 25, 2010**. Completed applications include the following:

- _____ Cover Page, with selection of Itinerary
- _____ Information page
- _____ Agreement page, endorsed by principal
- _____ Applicant's personal education mission essay
- _____ Photocopy of the first page of your passport
- _____ (Optional) Letter of recommendation from colleague(s)

**Remember three signed copies of the application must be submitted by the deadline

**Remember to keep a duplicate copy of the application for your files.

**Please contact your local NCTA site with questions:

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