

Title VIII Fellowships and American Councils

Grants Resource Center's (GRC) 2010 Proposal Development Workshop

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Program Officer

- Founded in 1974.
- Programs for students, scholars and teachers.
- Exchanges to the U.S. and overseas.
- Original focus on Russia and Eastern Europe; recent expansion of programs to Asia, the Middle East, and Africa.
- Non-profit organization, primarily funded by U.S. Department of State and Department of Education.

Implementing a Title VIII Program

- Proposal
- Fellowship Programs
- Selection
- Policy Relevance
- Support System

Title VIII Language Fellowships

- Russian Language and Area Studies Program (RLASP)
- Eurasian Regional Language Program
- Overseas Flagship Program – Russian, Central Asian Languages, Tajik/Persian
- Title VIII Southeast European Language Training Program

Title VIII Research Fellowships

For graduate students, post-doctoral scholars, and faculty:

- **Title VIII Research Scholar Program**
– Three to Nine Months of fully funded research in the Caucasus, Central Asia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine.
- **Title VIII Combined Research and Language Training Program**
– Three to Nine Months of fully funded research and up to 10 academic hours of language training in the Caucasus, Central Asia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine
- **Title VIII Southeast European Research Scholar Program**
– Three to Nine Months of fully funded research in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania and Serbia.

For post-doctoral scholars, and faculty:

- **Title VIII Special Initiatives Fellowship**
– Grants of up to \$35,000 for a minimum of 4 months of research in the Caucasus and Central Asia

Selection Process

- **Language programs:**
 - RLASP applications are reviewed by an independent selection committee comprised of at least two professors of Russian language and literature with particular expertise in the teaching of Russian as a foreign language. Committee members meet in the offices of American Councils to determine eligibility and suitability for the program. Approximately two independent specialists with relevant expertise review applications to the Eurasian Regional Language Program. Selection for Flagship Programs is conducted in close coordination with the Institute of International Education (IIE).
- **Research Fellowships:**
 - All applications are reviewed by two outside readers whose comments are then weighed by a three-person selection committee before making final awards. The chief purpose of outside reader comments is to provide thorough, expert appraisals of individual proposals that will enable selection committee members to compare applications across different fields.

Recently Awarded Research Topics - Eurasia

Title VIII Research Scholar Program

- *A Construct Validity Study of the New University Admissions Test in Kyrgyzstan: What is the Evidence?*; Kyrgyzstan
- *Terrorism, the State and Civil Society: The Human Face of Violence in Putin's Russia*; Russia
- *The Red Cross under the Golden Eagle: A Case Study in Women's Wartime Nursing and Civil-Governmental Conflict in Russia During the First World War*; Russia

Recently Awarded Research Topics - Eurasia

Title VIII Combined Research and Language Training Program

- *Poetry, Power, and Pedagogy: Sufi Ritual in Tajikistan*; Tajikistan
- *A Soviet Identity: Post-Stalinist nationality policies and sub-republic minorities in the Azerbaijan Soviet Socialist Republic*; Azerbaijan
- *Tajikistan Household Labor, Migration and Fertility Panel with Women's Time Use Survey (Does labor migration erode human capital and increase gender inequality in sending countries?) (Evidence from Tajikistan)*; Tajikistan
- *Gender, Households, and Migration in Georgia*; Georgia
- *Performance Art in the Period of Democratic Changes in the 1990s in Russia*; Russia

Recently Awarded Topics – Southeast Europe

Title VIII Southeast European Research Scholar

- *Performing Tradition: Laura Papo Bohoreta and Sephardi Women Identity in Interwar Bosnia*; Bosnia
- *Allegories of Transition: Bulgarian Literature and Culture in the Context of European Integration*; Bulgaria
- *1989: The Televised Revolution*; Romania
- *Of Blood and Tradition: Developing Governance and Governing Development in Albania's Informal Settlements*; Albania

Title VIII Southeast European Language Training Program

- Albanian Language Training
- Bulgaria Language Training

Support System

- Nearly two dozen overseas offices throughout Eurasia, Southeast Europe, and South Asia
- Extensive knowledge of logistical and visa requirements
- Individualized fellowships

Other Programs through American Councils

- **Collaborative Research Fellowships in the Humanities program**
 - Provides up to \$50,400 for full-time research of at least 4 to 12 months, with at least 2 months overseas on research in the Humanities. Must include a collaborator from the region.
- **Summer Teachers**
 - Advanced level courses on teaching methodology and Russian language
- **ISLI**
 - Intensive Summer Language Institutes for Arabic, Chinese, Russian teachers
- **Contemporary Russia**
 - All levels of Russian language training with supplemental area studies courses in English
- **CLS**
 - Critical Language Scholarships for Intensive Summer Institutes: Azerbaijani, Indonesian, Korean, Turkish, Chinese, Japanese or Russian language training at various levels

Questions?

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