Applying for a FLAS or a grant proposal? Learn how to write a stellar statement of purpose this week. Details below.

Winning words, winding down

Best wishes to all for final exams, fall graduation and the upcoming holidays!
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1. Statement of Purpose workshop Tuesday NEW
Applying for graduate school or going for a top scholarship like a Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship? Learn to put a compelling statement of purpose together from CSEAS Director Eric Jones from 3 to 4 p.m. Dec. 3 in the classroom at the Center for Latino and Latin American Studies. Spend an hour and pick up the tools you need to put together a winning package. For details, contact Assistant CSEAS Director Jui-Ching Wang at icwang@niu.edu.

3. Deadlines, deadlines: Thai Studies, Student Engagement, Gilman
- **NIU Thai Studies:** Faculty research, graduate and undergraduate students may apply for funding from the Thai Studies Research and Travel Committee in three categories: Faculty Research, Graduate Student Research and the Award for the Advancement of Thai Language Studies. Students presenting a paper, chairing a panel or organizing a panel may also apply for supplementary funding to cover travel, accommodations or conference registration fees. You must be in good academic standing to apply and your research must relate to Thailand, Thai culture and/or Thai/Tai people. Applications must include a project description, budget, how funds will advance Thai Studies, and a letter of recommendation from a faculty advisor. This funding comes through an endowment by the Royal Thai Embassy through the NIU Foundation. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 1.** For details, contact CSEAS associate Kanjana Thepboriruk at kanjana@niu.edu.
- **Undergraduate Student Engagement Travel Grants:** Funding available for full-time students to attend professional conferences, NIU study abroad programs, Huskie Alternative Break trips and other student engagement projects. Applications reviewed the 15th of every month. **Deadline for study abroad funds: Dec. 8.** For details, contact engage@niu.edu.
- **Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships:** U.S. Department of State program offers international study funding for undergraduate students. Applications open mid-January for May 1, 2020 to April 31, 2021 programs (includes summer 2020). Students who are dependents of active military service members may also apply for Gilman-McCain Scholarships to cover studying or interning abroad. **Deadline to apply: March 3.**

4. Thai Music Ensemble added to spring SEA classes
A Thai Music Ensemble class for undergraduates and graduate students, MUSE321-0002/621-0002, taught by NIU music alumnus Chamni Sripraram, has been added to spring classes. Also new for undergraduate and graduate students is ANTH 491/591, Urban Life in Asian Cities, taught by Anthropology instructor Matthew Trew. Graduate students are invited to sign up for SEAS 625, Great Readings in Southeast Asian Studies, which also will be taught by Trew, time and days to be determined. In addition, Eric Jones (History) will be offering SEAS 590 (see online list below), which will study the Vietnam conflicts as historical events and through the lens of film. The Center’s foundational undergraduate class, SEAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World (instructor of record Jui-Ching Wang), is offered from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays in DuSable 148.

Online offerings this spring include:
- **HIST 346,** Women in Asian History (Trude Jacobsen)
- **HIST 390,** Film and History (Eric Jones)
- **POLS 384,** Contemporary Foreign Policy (Xu Ke, associate professor, Xiamen University School of International Relations)
- **SEAS 590,** Advanced Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies (Eric Jones)
Students also will have an internship opportunity through the Political Science department in POLS 490, Internship in Southeast Asian Youth Leadership Programs (April Clark). The course allows students to apply what they have learned in the classroom while earning academic credit. Students will intern with one of two U.S. Department of State youth leadership programs run by CSEAS at NIU in spring: the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) and the Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP).

In addition to our continuing SEA language classes in Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog and Thai, other spring SEA courses include:

- ARTH 701, Women in a Thousand Years of Buddhist Art in Southeast Asia (Catherine Raymond)
- POLS 285, Introduction to International Relations (Aarjen Glas)
- POLS 378, Political Islam (Kikue Hamayotsu)
- POLS 668, The Political Economy of Developing Areas (Kheang Un)
- POLS 682, Seminar in International Law and Organization (Aarjen Glas)
- MUHL 431/531, Music of Southeast Asia (Chamni Sripraram, instructor)
- MUSE 370/670, Gamelan I (Alex Yoffe, instructor).

5. SEA study abroad: Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam

NIU and CSEAS are offering three opportunities to study abroad for credit next summer in Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia. Learn more about studying abroad at a Study Abroad 101 workshop, held at 3:30 p.m. once a week in the NIU Study Abroad office, 417 Williston. Also, check out funding for studying abroad with a Student Engagement Fund travel grant (deadline to apply: Dec. 8). Contact engage@niu.edu. For details on these programs, email program directors, niuabroad@niu.edu, or CSEAS at cseas@niu.edu.

- **Thailand**: Humanitarian Aid, Sustainable Development and Refugee Studies Global Internship, **June 1–July 26**, is an interdisciplinary program that begins with one month of campus study in June, followed by a three-week internship experience in Bangkok and Chiang Mai **July 5–26**. The program is designed to allow you to broaden your field of study by exploring such topics as sustainability, social entrepreneurship, community development, diversity leadership, migration, curriculum design, public health and international/global relations among others. Courses offered are at both undergraduate and graduate levels: SEAS 490/590 and INTL 301/501; six hours credit. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 1.** For more information, contact program director Karla Findley at kfindley1@niu.edu.
• **Vietnam:** War and Peace in Vietnam, June 15–July 7, is a month-long program that includes six days of on-campus study before and after a 12-day study tour to Vietnam. Led by Associate History Professor Stanley Arnold, the program focuses on the American experience in Vietnam and examines the impact of the war on Vietnam, the region and the world. You will visit Hanoi, Hue, Ho Chi Minh City, Khe Sanh, My Lai and other historical sites, and interact with local communities. Three undergraduate and three graduate courses are offered: HIST 396, HIST 469, HIST 493, HIST 569, HIST 600 and HIST 736; six hours credit. **Deadline to apply:** Feb. 1. For details, contact Arnold at sarnold@niu.edu.

• **Cambodia:** Cambodian Culture and Civilization, June 8–26, is an immersive three-week program offering a global and cultural perspective on rural and urban cultures in Cambodia. You will spend two weeks in Siem Reap and one week in the capital city of Phnom Penh, including the Angkor Wat temple complex in Siem Reap, Buddhist temples, and Cambodian Genocide historical sites. You will attend lectures on politics, sociology, language, the environment, archaeology and culture and dance at the Center for Khmer Studies in Siem Reap. The program also includes service learning, meaningful community engagement and immersion in Khmer culture. Undergraduate and graduate courses offered include SEAS 225, SEAS 590, and INTL 201 and 501; six hours credit. **Deadline to apply:** March 1. On-site directors are sociologist Kathleen Westman and Sauk Valley Community College political science professor Paul Edleman. For more information, contact Westman at kwestman911@gmail.com.

6. Sign up now for non-credit distance Indonesian class next spring
You can sign up to take Indonesian language professor Rahmi Aoyama’s 10-week beginning Indonesian **distance class** in the spring through CSEAS; just register and indicate spring on the registration form. No prior knowledge of the language is required for this non-credit class that will begin the second week of February. Instruction will be live and conducted by Aoyama. Contact her at rhartati1@niu.edu for details.

7. Two FLAS opportunities, one application, one deadline
Whether you’re applying for a summer 2020 or an academic-year 2020–21 FLAS fellowship, or both, you can apply for a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship with **one application.** The application and all information on both summer and academic-year FLAS awards are posted on the CSEAS **website.** The deadline for both **summer FLAS grants and academic-year FLAS fellowships is Jan. 15.** The U.S. Department of Education’s Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships funds FLAS fellowships. Summer FLAS fellowships provide for the summer study of Southeast Asian languages at any U.S. Department of Education-approved
educational institution, especially those in Southeast Asia, but also including the Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Questions? Contact Assistant CSEAS Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu. The U.S. Department of Education funds FLAS fellowships.

8. Applications open: Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship
U.S. and international graduate students are invited to apply for the Center’s 2020–21 Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia. The fellowship includes a tuition waiver and a $5,000 annual stipend. To apply, you should be at an advanced stage in your master’s or doctoral program, and planning field or archival research in SEA studies. You must also be in good standing with NIU and demonstrate a commitment to career involving SEA Studies. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 15.** For details, see CSEAS website.

9. Applications open: Dwight Y. King Graduate Scholarship
International students pursuing advanced degrees involving substantial Indonesia research are invited to apply for the 2020–21 Dwight Y. King Graduate Scholarship for the Study of Indonesia. Applicants for this $1,000 award should be a student in good standing and at an advanced stage in their master’s or doctoral program. In keeping with King’s lifelong commitment to public affairs, preference given to students interested in working in developing countries. Application must include a personal statement, research proposal, PDF of graduate transcript and a letter of recommendation. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 15.** For details, see CSEAS website.

10. Save the dates: FLAS deadlines
   - **Dec. 3:** Statement of Purpose Workshop, 3 p.m., Center for Latino and Latin American Studies.
   - **Jan. 15:** Deadline for Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) summer grants and academic-year fellowships, graduate Neher fellowship, and graduate King scholarship. See CSEAS Funding.
   - **April 4:** Southeast Asia Performing Arts Showcase, a 125th NIU Anniversary event. Boutell Memorial Concert Hall. Time TBA.

Tune in to the latest episode of CSEAS’s Southeast Asia Crossroads podcast series to hear Notre Dame University political scientist Nathanael Sumaktoyo discuss the puzzle of Muslim voting behavior with double minority candidates with host Eric Jones. Hat tip to Agung Pradanta for this episode’s music. Our podcast following (more than 18,500 listens since its 2016 debut) keeps growing around the world with listeners in 70 countries as we cover topics from history and politics to art and culture.

12. Mandala 2019: Looking back at an event-full year
CSEAS and NIU launch new academic initiatives in SEA. A FLAS Fellow meets his father in Laos. State Department youth exchange programs by the numbers. A banner year for donations to the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection. Plus faculty news, student accomplishments, alumni updates and more in the 2019 edition of Mandala, now online and available in print at CSEAS. Read all about it!
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14. Burnish your resumé with Southeast Asian Studies
Add a Southeast Asian Studies minor to a bachelor’s degree or a graduate certificate to an advanced degree and pull your resumé to the top of the pile. Visit the CSEAS website or stop by CSEAS at 520 College View Court. Undergraduates should contact adviser Matt Jagel at mjagel2@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

15. Looking for a few good SEA manuscripts
Northern Illinois University Press is seeking quality scholarly, accessible book-length manuscripts in Southeast Asian Studies to consider for publication. Address inquiries to Kenton Clymer, editor, Southeast Asian Series, NIU Press (an imprint of Cornell University Press), at kclymer@niu.edu.

16. Money for study
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Council of American Overseas Research Centers
- National Endowment for the Humanities Senior Research Fellowship: Open to American postdoc researchers and international postdoc scholars who have resided in the U.S. for three or more years. Deadline to apply: Jan. 24. See website.

USINDO
- Subsidized study abroad: United States-Indonesia Society’s 10-week language and culture program, June 5–Aug. 12, in Yogyakarta and Jakarta. Cost: $2,000 with all other fees paid by USINDO. Open to junior and senior undergraduates, graduate students or recent graduates of accredited U.S. college or university. Deadline to apply: Jan. 24. See website.

Howard University
- Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program: Six-week summer enrichment program for college seniors who want to join the Foreign Service. Deadline to apply for undergraduate summer enrichment program: Feb. 4. Program also offers two-year graduate program, which includes financial support, two summer internships, mentoring from a Foreign Service officer and other professional development activities. See website for details on both.

Phi Kappa Phi
- Study abroad grants: Competitive $1,000 grants for undergraduates at institutions with active chapter (NIU is one). Applications open Dec. 15; deadline to apply March 15. See website.
American Association of University Women
- **Graduate Funding for Women:** Wide range of disciplines. **Deadlines to apply range from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1.** See website.

Blakemore Foundation
- **Fellowships for Advanced Asian Language Study:** 2020-21 fellowships for recent graduates, graduate students and working professionals, covering tuition and a stipend for educational, living and travel expenses. **Deadline to apply:** Dec. 20. See website.

National Endowment for the Humanities
- **CAORC senior research fellowships:** Applications open for 2019–20 fellowships for U.S. and international postdoctoral scholars who have resided in the U.S. for three or more years. Research to be conducted between May 2020 and November 2021 in an American overseas research center in Cambodia, Indonesia or Myanmar. **Deadline to apply:** Jan. 23. See website.

Center for Indonesian Policy Studies
- **Visiting research fellowships:** Opportunities for Indonesian and non-Indonesian students completing their Indonesia-related doctorate and post-graduate theses to conduct field research in Indonesia over 3-6 month period. **No deadline to apply.** See website.

Rotary International
- **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Fully paid fellowships for master’s degree (up to two years) or professional development certificate studies (three months) offered through six universities worldwide. **Deadline to apply:** May 31. See website.

East-West Center
- **Affiliate Scholar Program:** Short-term affiliation with the East-West Center for graduate students from around the world to pursue thesis or dissertation research in 2018. **Revolving deadlines to submit.** See website.

ProFellow
- **Dissertation Research Fellowships:** Check the ProFellow website for 30 different opportunities for dissertation research funding.

17. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers
- **Other Voices: European Influence in the Cold War in Asia,** Jan. 20–21, Bangkok. International workshop hosted by the Centre for European Studies and Chulalongkorn University Department of History. See website.
- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific,** Feb. 13–15, East-West Center, Honolulu. See website.
- **18th Urban Research Plaza’s Forum,** Saving Our Urban Habitat, March 5–6, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts:** Nov. 30. See website.
- **22nd Cornell Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference,** March 13–15, Ithaca, NY. Call for papers: Engendering Migrations: Southeast Asia. **Deadline for abstracts:** Nov. 30. For details, email conference chair Bruno M. Shirley at seapgatty@cornell.edu. Some travel funding available.
- **1st International Conference on Preventing/Countering Violent Extremism in Malaysia and Southeast Asia,** March 16–18, Kuala Lumpur. **Deadline for abstracts:** Nov. 30; full paper deadline: Feb. 14. Sponsored by the University of Maryland’s National Consortium
for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism in cooperation with the U.S.
Embassy-Malaysia and the International Islamic University Malaysia. See website. NEW

- **Midwest Political Science Association**, April 16–19, Chicago. Call for papers. **Deadlines for proposals began Oct. 10; undergraduate proposal deadline: Dec. 5.** See website.
- **Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast**, June 12–13, University of Hawaii-Hilo. Diverse topics in humanities, arts, social sciences, health, law or other disciplines related to Asia and Asian diaspora. **Deadline for proposals, etc.: Feb. 29.** See website.

### 18. Careers NEW

**University of Nevada-Reno**

- **Endowed appointment**: Applications open for advanced associate or full professor in international studies. Demonstrated expertise in contemporary or historical research of global, world regional, or comparative focus. Priority given to candidates in Anthropology, English, History and Political Science. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 30.** See website. NEW

**Midwestern State University Texas**

- **Assistant or Associate Professor**: Tenure-track position in history (Southeast Asia, China or Indian Ocean World), starting fall 2020. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 15.** See website.

**Clemson University**

- **Assistant Professor**: Tenure-track position in history of Southeast Asia or South Asia. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 3.** See website.

**ISEAS Yusof Ishak Institute**

- **Visiting Fellow/China and Mainland SEA**: Two- to six-month fellowship to study social and cultural impact of Chinese capital and labor flows into villages, towns and cities of Vietnam, Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia and/or Laos, starting Jan. 2020. PhD required (political science, sociology, anthropology or demography studies preferred). See website.

**SNA International**

- **Historian**: Full-time position to conduct historical research and writing for Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, based in DPAA lab in Joint Base Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. MA minimum educational requirement. **Position open until filled.** See website.

**U.S.-ASEAN Business Council**

- **Policy and research internships**: Semester internships based in Washington, D.C. Recent graduates encouraged to apply. For details, email internships@usasean.org. See website.

**VIA**

- **Global Community Fellowship**: 13-15-month program for graduating seniors (2019) and young professionals to work at NGOs, schools, universities and social enterprises in Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. Monthly stipend, travel insurance, 10-day training in Thailand, midyear conference and year-end wrap-up provided; participants pay for transport to and from Asia, plus funds for food during VIA gatherings. See website.

**Bridge to Success**

- **English Teachers in China**: Ten-month internships and jobs for English speakers with bachelor’s degree minimum. See website.
Center for Strategic and International Studies

- **Internships:** Full- and part-time internships for undergraduates, advanced students and recent graduates who are interested in gaining practical experience in public policy. Based in Washington, DC. Rolling deadlines to apply. See [website](http://www.csis.org).

Eurasia Group

- See [website](http://www.eurasia-group.com) for job opportunities.

Globaljobs.org

- **Job/internship opportunities:** Turn area studies into an internship or a career. See job listings at NGOs, think tanks, government, and private-sector employers. See [website](http://www.globaljobs.org).

Chinese Mutual Aid Association

- **Interns:** Pan-Asian social service organization accepting candidates for interns for business development, grant writing and workforce development and outreach liaison duties. Contact Michelle White at michellew@chinesemutualaid.org or 773-784-2900. See [website](http://www.chinesemutualaid.org).

US Department of State

- **Student internship program:** Internship opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students at Washington headquarters and US embassies, consulates and missions worldwide. Explore postgraduate civil-service career paths as well. See [program website](http://www.state.gov).

ASEAN/ASEC

- **Job listings:** Check [website](http://www.asean.org) frequently for open positions at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC).

Asia Society

- **Career opportunities:** Internships and jobs posted regularly on [website](http://www.asiasociety.org).

Association of Southeast Asian Nations

- Jobs listed under **Opportunities** tab of ASEAN website.

Devex: Do Good. Do It Well

- International aid and development jobs in 1,000 agencies, companies and NGOs in 100 countries. See [website](http://www.devex.com).

DevMetJOBS.org

- International development jobs and consulting opportunities. See [website](http://www.devmetjobs.com).

Hess International Educational Group

- **Teach English across Asia:** Taiwan-based organization offers free training, benefits, and flex scheduling. See [website](http://www.hessinternational.com).

Idealist.org

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. See [website](http://www.idealist.org).

Learn How to Become

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of meaningful volunteer and nonprofit career options and resources. See [website](http://www.learnhowtobecome.org).

ReliefWeb

- Specialized digital service of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs that posts jobs regularly. See [website](http://reliefweb.int).

World Health Organization

- Global health agency in the United Nations system encourages online applications for potential employment. See [website](http://www.who.int).

19. Area cultural opportunities
- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum’s co-curation team at cocuration.philippines@fieldmuseum.org. To learn more about the museum’s Philippines work, see the co-curation team’s newsletter.
- Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute of Chicago offers classes in Thai language, dance and music among other programs. Phone 312-725-0640.
- “Remembering the Killing Fields” exhibit on display at the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial, 2831 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. The Cambodian Association of Illinois also holds free Cambodian music and dance lessons.
- The Indonesian consulate in Chicago offers free Saturday classes: Indonesian language classes at 10:30 a.m. (intermediate) and 1 p.m. (children’s class); Indonesian traditional dance, 2 to 4 p.m.; and Javanese gamelan, 4 to 6 p.m. All classes held at the Indonesian Cultural Center, 711 W. Grand Avenue. Call 312-920-1880, ext. 104/105, or email icc@indonesiachicago.org. See the consulate’s Facebook page.
- Indonesian Dance of Illinois offers traditional dance and gamelan music lessons Saturdays in Evanston. See website.

The future calls
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