

## REEI MELLON ENDOWMENT GRADUATE STUDENT APPLICATION

The Russian and East European Institute administers a range of grant programs to support student research and learning with a focus on the Russian and East European region. REEI grant programs for graduate students are funded by the REEI Mellon Endowment.

**Pre-Dissertation Grant:** To support research-related travel for preliminary dissertation field activities such as exploring potential research sites, archives, and other research resources; establishing institutional affiliations; and identifying and meeting with local scholars, archivists and professional contacts. Grants are primarily intended for doctoral students who will apply in the next academic year for external funding to conduct their dissertation research abroad. Students who have reached the ABD stage and formally begun dissertation research are not eligible for funding under this program. REEI/Mellon Endowment grants are limited to \$2,000 per student paid as travel reimbursement.

The IU Office of the Vice President for International Affairs (OVPIA) also conducts university-wide competition for pre-dissertation travel grants. Students applying to the OVPIA competition are encouraged to submit one copy of their completed OVPIA application plus supporting materials to REEI, rather than submit two separate applications. For OVPIA application forms contact [iagrants@iu.edu](mailto:iagrants@iu.edu), [worldwide.iu.edu/students/grants-grads/pre-dissertation-travel.shtml](http://worldwide.iu.edu/students/grants-grads/pre-dissertation-travel.shtml) **Deadline: varies – around February 1 to March 1 each year.**

**Grant-In-Aid of Research:** To help graduate students in Russian and East European area studies who require modest support (up to \$700/year) for research-related travel (domestic or international), travel for participation in a structured internship program, or travel for advanced language study. The grants may also be used for expenses related to publication of completed research projects. Students applying under this program may also be eligible for support under OVPIA International Enhancement Grants, [worldwide.iu.edu/students/grants-grads/international-enhancement.shtml](http://worldwide.iu.edu/students/grants-grads/international-enhancement.shtml). Please discuss your plans with the REEI Assistant Director before submitting your application. **Deadlines: October 1, January 15, and April 1 (if funds available).**

**Student Conference Travel Grant:** To help graduate students present their research at major association meetings and conferences. Student travel reimbursement is limited to minimum airfare or mileage (per IU guidelines), one night lodging, and conference registration fee. Students may also be eligible for conference travel support from the College of Arts and Sciences, [college.indiana.edu/student-portal/graduate-students/financial-support/fellowships-awards.html](http://college.indiana.edu/student-portal/graduate-students/financial-support/fellowships-awards.html). Please check with your home department graduate advisor to see if you can be nominated. REEI domestic conference travel grants will not exceed \$400 and international grants will not exceed \$600. **Deadlines: October 1, January 15, and April 1 (if funds available).**

### REEI APPLICATION MATERIALS NEEDED:

- One REEI/Mellon Endowment graduate student application form.
- One letter of recommendation (preferably from the student's academic advisor). Letter should address the specific project for which the student is applying for aid.
- Current transcript of IU graduate work (unofficial transcript sufficient).
- CV or list of academic honors.
- Itemized budget of expected expenditures.
- For research: a statement of 1000 words or less describing educational goals, career interests and plans. The statement should describe the project and the specific purposes for which aid is sought. It should also address how this activity will further the applicant's academic progress and ultimately help achieve career goals.
- For conference travel: an abstract of the paper and a copy of the conference program (or notification of the acceptance of the paper).

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Complete and return this form to the Russian and East European Institute, Indiana University,  
Global and International Studies Building Room 4020, Bloomington, IN 47405.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 digits of IUID number: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Dept.: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Admission to Doctoral Candidacy: \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

Title or short description of activity for which support is sought:

Application Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_

REFERENCE:

NAME	TITLE	PHONE #
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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION DEADLINE: \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION FOR REEI MELLON ENDOWMENT GRADUATE STUDENT APPLICATION

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**APPLICANT'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **HOME DEPT:** \_\_\_\_\_

The Family Educational and Privacy Act of 1974 opens many student records for the student's inspection. The law also permits the student to sign a waiver relinquishing the right to inspect letters of recommendation. The applicant's signature below constitutes a waiver; no signature means the student will have the right to read this letter of recommendation.

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please write/type a detailed and candid letter to assist us in judging this applicant for financial assistance to the Russian and East European Institute. Letter should address the specific project for which the student is applying for aid.

Return letter of recommendation to address above.

Continue on other side if necessary. You may write the letter on letterhead and then attach to this form.

REFEREE:

NAME (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE/DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_