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Dear Professor Tan, Mr. Zheng, and Ms. Lin,

The Harvard-Yenching Institute welcomes your continuing participation in its programs!

For the academic year 2017-18, your institution is invited to nominate up to a total of **four** (4) candidates (3 for the visiting scholars program and 1 for the visiting fellows program maximum) from among your most promising faculty and students for application to our programs. In conjunction with 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. We will continue the centralized interview process that was put in place a few years ago. 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 fellowship program information on your university web site for wide circulation.

The following is a summary of our programs:

### **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 of study and research at Harvard University and/or other appropriate universities. Approximately 18 applicants are chosen each year as researchers at the Harvard-Yenching Institute, and have access to the Harvard University libraries and facilities. Scholars are provided with living expenses while at the Institute. Applicants and university/academy administrators will be notified of selection results in mid-February, 2017. 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.** Selected scholars 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, 2016**.

### **Visiting Fellows Program**

This program provides **advanced Ph.D. candidates** (graduate students and junior faculty members) an opportunity to do dissertation research at Harvard University for one academic

year, with access to Harvard University libraries and facilities. Fellows are also affiliated with the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of Harvard University, and provided with living expenses while at the Institute. All applicants and university/academy administrators will be notified of selection results in mid-February, 2017. In our selection process, preference is given to advanced Ph.D. candidates working in East Asian Studies, especially with a comparative focus. The selection criteria include academic training, quality and originality of the research proposal, depth of subject knowledge and feasibility of conducting the research at Harvard University. Selected fellows study under the supervision of faculty at Harvard or other appropriate university, and participate in a weekly dissertation workshop and contribute two book reviews to the Harvard-Yenching Institute website. Please note that junior faculty members who have already obtained a doctorate are NOT eligible for this program.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **September 30, 2016**.

We continue to use the HYI online application system, and **nominated candidates will continue to apply online**. The Institute still requires all candidates to be officially nominated by their home institutions. Further instructions about the new online application system are included in the attachment [About the online application system.PDF]. Please note: you should feel free to continue using the attached application form and relevant information, and ask interested applicants to submit a hard copy of application for the internal nomination process within your institution.

The Institute has recently compiled a list of helpful information for 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:

<http://www.harvard-yenching.org/helpful-information-fellowship-applicants>

Please note that the Institute cannot accept the applications if there are more than **four** (4) candidates nominated. Please also be aware that no more than 3 candidates can be nominated to the visiting scholars program and no more than 1 candidate to the visiting fellows program. The Institute does not accept individual applications for the above programs. Scholarship applications sent directly to the Institute without official approval by an authorized nominating institution will not be considered. Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter with Ms. Lindsay Strogatz via e-mail at <programs@harvard-yenching.org>.

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

Cc: Dr. Zhu Chongshi, Office of the President, Xiamen University

## APPENDIX

### 1. Eligibility:

Visiting Scholars Program candidates should have been serving at their home university for at least three years (before August 1, 2014) as a full time faculty. Scholars who gained their PhD from an institution outside of Asia within the past five years (after 2012) are not eligible. Previous recipients of a Visiting Scholar fellowship from HYI are not eligible to reapply for this program.

Visiting Fellows Program candidates should be doctoral students or junior faculty who are currently working on their dissertation research and writing. Junior faculty members who have already obtained a doctorate are NOT eligible to be nominated for this program. **This program is only open to citizens of Asian countries.**

### 2. Coverage of the scholarships:

The following is the detailed information on the fellowship coverage:

Visiting Scholars Program	Visiting Fellows Program
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x Round trip economy class airfare;</li> <li>x A stipend of US \$6,000.00 per month (for 2016-17) for the period of residence in Cambridge, Massachusetts (for 10 months);</li> <li>x Health Insurance up to the amount of \$4500;</li> <li>x Funding (up to \$1,000) for hiring a research Assistant or an editor within the 10-month research stay;</li> <li>x Funding (up to \$1,000) for participation in two academic conferences in North America.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x Round trip economy class airfare;</li> <li>x Payment of the Harvard University Visiting Fellows fee;</li> <li>x A stipend adequate for a single fellow (for 2016-17, the monthly stipend is approximately \$2,750.00) (for 12 months);</li> <li>x Funding (up to \$1,000) for taking an English class or hiring an editor during the research stay);</li> <li>x Funding (up to \$1,000) for participation in two academic conferences in North America.</li> </ul>

### 3. Fields of Research

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

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