The Chinese Language Fellowship Program (CLFP) is a nationwide initiative to strengthen the next generation of American scholars focused on China. The program supports American graduate students with a fellowship of up to $50,000 so that they can devote one year to intensive Chinese language training at an institution of the fellow’s choice, generally in China or Taiwan.

The Chinese Language Fellowship offers two types of fellowships:

1) PhD Track (up to $50,000) The PhD track of the Chinese Language Fellowship allows currently enrolled PhD students to participate in a language program of their choice in Taiwan or China for nine months followed by a summer language program during which fellows will take one-on-one classes.

2) Prospective PhD Track (up to $40,000) The Prospective PhD track of the Chinese Language Fellowship allows current or recent master’s degree students planning to pursue a PhD to participate in a language program of their choice in Taiwan or China for nine months. Applicants to the Prospective PhD track must have recently graduated from a master’s program or be currently enrolled in a master’s program.

*If you are applying to the Prospective PhD track, please ask your academic supervisor or professor to address your aptitude for a PhD program in his/her letter of recommendation.

To be considered for a fellowship, an applicant must submit the following materials through NBR’s application website:

- A two-page summary resume (full academic CVs will not be reviewed).
- A two-page cover letter that addresses your qualifications for the fellowship; your proposed plan of Chinese language study, and how your proposed Chinese language program will contribute to your language training, doctoral studies, and future plans.*
- A complete application form, answering questions about academic experiences, Chinese language skills, and Chinese language classes taken.
- Electronic transcripts from all educational institutions you are currently attending or from which you have received a degree.
- A letter of recommendation from an academic supervisor or professor.
- A letter of recommendation from a recent Chinese language teacher.

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