

THE ALPHAWOOD SCHOLARSHIPS AT SOAS

As a result of a transformational donation from Alphawood Foundation in Chicago, SOAS, University of London has established the Southeast Asian Art Academic Programme to advance the study and preservation of Buddhist and Hindu art in Southeast Asia.

The Programme seeks to build on SOAS' world-leading research expertise and existing institutional links in Southeast Asia.

The Southeast Asian Art Academic Programme will fund up to eighty full Scholarships at SOAS over the next five years. These Scholarships will bring outstanding students to SOAS who will undertake a range of postgraduate studies that focus on Buddhist and Hindu art in Southeast Asia.



The Scholarships will be awarded to candidates who intend to help the preservation and advancement of Buddhist and Hindu art through teaching, further study or other activities in the region.

The Alphawood Scholarship will cover tuition fees in full and a generous maintenance allowance towards the costs of living and studying in central London, as well as flights to and from the UK at the start and end of the course. Visa costs will also be covered.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for these scholarships you should:

- Normally be resident in one of the following countries: Brunei, Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar/Burma, Singapore, Thailand or Vietnam.
- Demonstrate how the focus of your studies contribute to the aims of the Southeast Asian Art Academic Programme.
- Demonstrate your intention to pursue teaching, further study or otherwise make a positive impact on the preservation or advancement of Southeast Asian art in the region after completing your studies at SOAS.

English Language Requirements

Please note that successful candidates will be asked to provide approved English Language test results (IELTS or Pearson) to demonstrate that they hold the minimum UK Borders Agency requirement to obtain a Tier 4 (General) Student visa.

The purpose of the Scholarships programme is capacity building therefore support will be available to successful candidates who require extra English language or academic preparation courses at SOAS before they start their course.

The need for extra support will be discussed with the student on an individual basis after the scholarships have been awarded and will be based on existing English language abilities.

ELIGIBLE COURSES OF STUDY

Alphawood Scholarships are available for a range of postgraduate and research courses at SOAS.

POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT COURSES

Scholarships will be available for the following programmes within the Department of History of Art and Archaeology (this list is subject to change, for the full list please see the SOAS website for more details):

Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas

- Postgraduate Asian Art Course Certificate (all modules are eligible, Southeast Asia module runs every other year)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Asian Art (a combination of three modules from the Diploma, each module is assessed by two essays and an exam, applicants must have a BA or BSc to be eligible and can already hold an MA)

Taught Master's (MA) Programmes

- MA Arts of Asia and Africa
- MA Contemporary Art of Asia and Africa
- MA History of Art and/or Archaeology
- MA Religious Arts of Asia

In addition, the scholarships are open to those taking the following MA programmes where the major course relates to Southeast Asian art:

- MA South East Asian Studies
- MA Asian Pacific Studies

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

The scholarships are open to full-time MPhil/PhD applicants whose thesis topic focuses on Southeast Asian art.

For applicants considering possible MPhil/PhD study taking an MA at SOAS is very strongly recommended to adjust to the UK system and develop a strong proposal that may form the basis of the MPhil/PhD application the following year.

APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

The closing date for the 2015/16 scholarships is 18th December 2014

To apply for an Alphawood Scholarship you need to:

- 1) Apply for your course (using the on-line system) via the SOAS website
- 2) Fill in an application form for the Alphawood Scholarship via the SOAS website

Details of how to apply are on the SOAS website: www.soas.ac.uk/registry/scholarships/alphawood-scholarships

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