

KAY JOHNSON FUND FOR THE STUDY OF CHINA AND THE CHINESE DIASPORA

This fund was created to honor and continue the legacy of the late Kay Johnson, Professor of Asian Studies and Politics at Hampshire College and founder of Hampshire's China Exchange Program. Over her 40 years at Hampshire, Prof. Johnson brought numerous scholars from China to Hampshire to teach Chinese, and enabled hundreds of Hampshire students to study and do independent projects in China. Her teaching and research spanned Chinese society and politics, women and family studies, development and population policy (including the impact of China's population control policies on children's welfare), international relations and U.S.-China foreign policy, and the impact of pop culture on U.S. policy toward "others." Prof. Johnson was also instrumental in securing and administering the Luce Initiative on Asian Studies and the Environment, a grant that provided global exchange opportunities for Hampshire students and faculty to conduct environmental and agricultural field research in Asia, thereby building bridges between the humanities, social sciences, physical and biological sciences, and policy and professional fields.

In the spirit of Prof. Johnson's work, Hampshire students are invited to submit proposals for funding to support Division II and Division III related research and internships that explore a wide variety of interdisciplinary issues related to China, the Chinese diaspora, and social/political/economic change and exchange between Asia and the U.S. more generally. These may include issues of nationalism, migration, identity, citizenship, gender, family, food security, global health, environmental justice, and sustainable communities, as well as the study of Chinese language. Projects utilizing any combination of disciplinary lenses—ranging from anthropology, economics, cultural studies, comparative literature, film and photography, history, politics, ecology, microbiology, sustainable agriculture, sustainable design—are welcome.

The Kay Johnson Fund will support unpaid internships, research projects, and study abroad, including travel* and related expenses (housing, food, books, equipment) that support these endeavors. The size of the grant will depend on the needs of the project, up to \$3,000. The deadline for applications is rolling for summer, fall semester, January Term or spring semester; the application should be submitted at least two months prior to the requested funding period. Grant recipients are expected to write a one-page summary of their completed work to include in our annual report and to present their work to the community.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES: Submit a 1-3 page proposal (with attached cover sheet), describing your project, its significance, how it fits the grant initiative, and your preparation to pursue this work. Provide a detailed budget for requested funds, a timeline for your work, and a short bibliography of the most important works you have read or consulted for your proposal. Include a letter of support from your Division II or III chair. If you have filed Division III, include a copy of the contract and your Division II evaluation. All application materials should be saved in Microsoft Word; the file name should begin with your surname followed by "KayJohnsonFund" and the requested funding period.

* Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot fund any kind of travel expenses at this time.

KAY JOHNSON FUND APPLICATION COVERSHEET

Student Name: _____

Box Number: _____

Email: _____

Project Title: _____

Name of Divisional Chair/ Project Supervisor: _____

Dates of Project Activity: _____

Amount Requested from Kay Johnson Fund: \$ _____
(please attach detailed budget)

Total Funds Needed for Project: \$ _____

Please list all other awards you have applied/received for this project (amount and funder):

Please send your application to Katie Irwin, Director of Global Education, Global Education Office kirwin@hampshire.edu or geo@hampshire.edu