

Activities for the Teaching Fellows

ASIANetwork - Luce Foundation Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow Program

One of the goals of the ASIANetwork - Luce Foundation Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow Program is to mentor young Asianists as liberal arts college faculty members by immersing them in the teaching life of a host college. The following information is meant to provide guidance to host colleges as they create and implement the one-year program for the teaching fellow.

Expectations of the Teaching Fellow

Responsibilities will vary by campus, but will include a half-time teaching load. With allowances for the academic discipline, area of regional specialty, and the needs of the host college, the teaching fellow is encouraged to teach comparatively about Asia. The teaching fellow will participate in the intellectual and cultural life of the College, by attending departmental and college faculty meetings, working with colleagues, keeping office hours, mentoring students, and continuing to pursue research and/or other scholarly projects. Most importantly, the teaching fellow should be amenable to working closely with an experienced professor in a mentoring relationship.

Additional activities for the teaching fellow could include:

- Become familiar with U.S. liberal arts colleges
- Experience the role of a faculty member at a liberal arts college by attending:
 - Classes in various disciplines
 - Faculty, departmental, and other meetings
 - Advising sessions with students and their advisors
 - Campus events
- Learn about pedagogical and other issues at liberal arts colleges by meeting with:
 - Teaching/learning consultant
 - Instructional technology specialist
 - Academic dean
 - Other faculty and staff members
 - Student groups
- Access the professional development resources provided by the host college's consortial networks
- Present lectures to the campus community
- Interact with faculty and students interested in Asia
- Interact with faculty and students interested in the area of research of the teaching fellow
- Explore the local community
- Present lectures to the local community and nearby colleges
- Attend professional conferences
- Other opportunities as determined by the host college

Additional topics of interest to the teaching fellows may include:

- U.S. higher education
- Liberal arts colleges
- New initiatives at liberal art colleges
- Liberal education
- General education and first-year programming
- Student advising
- Experiential learning
- Co-curricular learning
- Instructional technology
- Assessment
- Accrediting organizations
- Professional organizations
- Syllabus development--references to college's learning goals and professional standards, grading rubrics, etc
- Daily course planning
- Pedagogy in the fellow's content area
- Student-faculty research in the fellow's content area
- Field study policies and procedures
- Study abroad
- Risk Management