

ASIANetwork AAPI Voices and Stories Program Call for Site Liaisons (Year III)

The AAPI Voices and Stories Program supports a pilot of community-based projects designed to capture and preserve the experiences of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) individuals and communities across the United States, enhancing existing efforts in which AAPI individuals narrate their own stories in a locally contextualized manner. The Voices and Stories approach utilizes digital storytelling techniques to include knowledge and perspectives from community partners who have not generally been heard. As part of the project, ASIANetwork invites interested faculty to apply for the position of Site Liaison. This project centers AAPI community partners, with ASIANetwork institutions playing the role of collaborators and facilitators.

The Site Liaison will lead their 4-person student team, as well as act as contact person between their home institution, the local community partner, and ASIANetwork. Further, the Site Liaison will organize and oversee the project alongside the local community group, mentor the students, develop curricular materials, take care and oversight of audio and video equipment, and share outcomes with ASIANetwork, including at the annual conference. Community groups may be registered community organizations that are actively engaged with AAPI initiatives or may be informally structured groups or individuals with an active presence.

Each project receives the following financial support:

- \$3,500 stipend for each student participant (summer 2026)
- Funds from ASIANetwork are available toward student room and board during the project, if needed
- \$1,000 local transportation fund
- Travel funds for the Site Liaison to attend the ASIANetwork conference in April 2027 to present outcomes of the project
- \$5,000 as a grant to the community partner
- Travel funds for the community partner to attend an ASIANetwork conference, if desired
- Up to \$900 in funds for technology/website needs

The host college is expected to fund the Site Liaison's attendance at the training session in conjunction with the 2026 ASIANetwork annual conference. The Site Liaison receives a \$5,000 stipend after submitting the final project reports.

ASIANetwork AAPI Voices and Stories project leadership team will provide technical support throughout the project. Our support includes:

- (1) Online workshop for faculty during the second week of March, 2026,
- (2) In-person workshop on March 27, 2026, as part of the ASIANetwork annual conference,
- (3) Online workshop for the students who will work with the Site Liaisons during the third week of April, 2026.
- (4) In-person & on-site support during the Site Liaisons' summer project,

- (5) Online workshop to discuss digital archiving during the second week of October, 2026, and
- (6) Email communications with the project leadership team throughout the project (October, 2025 ~ May, 2027)

The proposal should address ASIANetwork's aims for the AAPI Voices and Stories Project to:

- (1) strengthen community-academic partnerships that are significant for the community,
- (2) train and support ASIANetwork member institutions' faculty and students to undertake community-led AAPI engagement projects,
- (3) digitally archive, distribute, and publish stories of the lived experiences of AAPI communities, and
- (4) produce and disseminate educational materials that can be integrated in college curricula across ASIANetwork member institutions.

Successful applications will demonstrate a strong working relationship between an AAPI community and the applicant as well as viability and sustainability. Viability will include (but not limited to) the overall strength of the proposal, compelling project idea, experience in qualitative techniques, and links to the local AAPI community group. Sustainability will include (but not limited to) evidence that the project will continue in some way after the year of ASIANetwork support and that there will be a tangible positive outcome for the local community group, such as a digital archive, a website, a museum exhibition, or documentary filmmaking training. In terms of the latter, the ability of the local group to gain or increase their autonomy and sovereignty over the ownership, representation, and dissemination of their own histories, arts, and stories is the core aspect of this project. Community partnerships are central to the Voices and Stories initiative, and applicants should expect to elevate the community's vision and desired outcomes.

This is the third and final year of a three-year pilot project. We would especially encourage applications from faculty with experience in ethnographic, oral history, or other postcolonial methods, from any disciplinary background, as well as existing relationships with the proposed local AAPI community group. Interested applicants are encouraged to inquire about the project at any time, as well as attend information sessions.

Narrative proposals should be submitted online by November 10 (M), 2025. Proposals should be in Times New Roman, 12-point font, single-spaced, and should not exceed 5 pages.