

2022 Richard Charles Lee Insights through Asia Challenge (ITAC)

Program Description

The Asian Institute's **Richard Charles Lee Insights through Asia Challenge (ITAC)** is an award-winning program that supports outstanding student experiential research.

This year, we are thrilled to launch a new version of our ITAC program, which **invites students to work on a research project led by an Asian Institute faculty member.**

- *Cities of Sand: Tracing Contingency in Concrete*, Professor Tong Lam
- *Indian Revolutionary Rash Behari Bose, Manuscript Assistant*, Dr. Joseph McQuade
- *Hyperlocal Histories: Libraries and Community Media Centers in Immigrant Communities*, Professor Aditi Mehta
- *Circuits of Labour: Southeast Asian Care Worker Migrations*, Professor Rachel Silvey
- *Building Alternative Archives of China's Maoist Past*, Professor Yiching Wu

Working together in small, focused teams, awarded students will be FUNDED to conduct research on a professor-led project over the summer semester, gaining direct research experience on a major scholarly project with an expert in the field.

In addition to a unique research experience, awardees form a dynamic peer group. Students will receive academic and professional development training specific to their faculty-led project. They will also be supported in developing all the tools necessary for a successful ITAC experience—from submitting an initial application to presenting research outcomes and beyond.

ITAC will culminate with a public showcase of research outcomes in September 2022.

**ITAC is open to undergraduate and graduate students across all three University of Toronto campuses. Students currently enrolled at the Asian Institute will be prioritized.*

***The program will allow for in-person (if the public health situation allows) and remote activities*

****Awarded students will receive approximately \$1,000-\$2,000 CAD*

BONUS! Drop by our online information session and workshop about submitting your application on Thursday, February 10, 12-1pm. [Register here for the zoom link!](#)

How to Apply to? Complete the online form (questions listed below) and email your CV/resume as a single PDF to Shannon Garden-Smith ai.coordinator@utoronto.ca by 11:59PM EST, February 18, 2022. When emailing your CV/resume please use the email subject line "Your Name - ITAC Application 2022" and name your file "Last Name_ First Name - ITAC Application 2022"

Application Form Preview

General Information

1. Legal Name
2. Preferred Name(s)
3. U of T Email Address
4. Department/Unit/Subject PoST
5. Are you enrolled at the Asian Institute?
6. Year of Study (please indicate your level of study: undergraduate/Masters/PhD)
7. Student number
8. Personnel number (if you are/were employed by the University of Toronto you will have a personnel number. Providing this number will streamline the award disbursement process if you are awarded a research traineeship)

Research Project Application

9. Please tell us which project you are applying for (Indicate title of project and Professor's name)
10. Why do you want to work on this project? (C 150 words)
11. Why are you a good fit for the project? For example, list background training or skills you have that would be assets to the project. (C 150 words)
12. How will participating in the Exploring Global Taiwan program impact you (academically, professionally, personally)? (C 150 words)
13. Why do you value participating in a community of peer researchers? (C 100 words)
14. Anything else you want to tell us that you haven't mentioned above?
15. I confirm I have emailed my CV/resume as a single PDF to Shannon Garden-Smith ai.coordinator@utoronto.ca.