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Each academic year the East Asian Legal Studies Program hosts a number of Visiting Scholars. The men and women who come to EALS from throughout the world take time off from their posts in academe, government, or law practice to pursue their own research and write on a range of subjects. We strive to invite a diverse group of visitors who represent a variety of home institutions, jurisdictions and legal fields.

EALS visitors are admitted on the basis of a formal application. In selecting applicants, consideration is made of each applicant's background, field of interest and achievements in scholarship and/or practice, and particular weight will be given to the research proposal and demonstration of English language proficiency. It has been our experience that Visiting Scholars who arrive at Harvard already highly proficient in English benefit greatly from their experience and contribute much more to the institution, and for this reason we ask for the TOEFL. Reference letters may be written in English, Chinese or Japanese and may be sent separately. The application submitted must be the applicant's own work.

The EALS program is able to offer appointments of a maximum of one year. Applications for research visits of only one semester (or any period of less than twelve months) will also be considered, but we would prefer that research appointments coincide with the Harvard academic year (September through June). With reasonable exceptions for brief trips, our Visiting Scholars are expected to remain in residence during the term of their appointment.

Visiting Scholars are generally self-funded or sponsored extramurally. EALS charges an administrative fee of \$600 for each month of an appointment. Before Harvard University can issue a J-1 visa sponsorship document, we are required by the U.S. Government to verify that each incoming Visiting Scholar has adequate funding to maintain a reasonable standard of living in the Boston area. The minimum in financial resources that an individual must have available is \$25,000 per year (\$2,083 per month). An additional \$6,000 (\$500 per month) must be declared for each accompanying family member. Please note that the EALS application asks for an accurate listing of the source(s) of funding.

The two deadlines for submission of applications are October 15 and April 15 and we will endeavor to respond promptly after the close of these deadlines. We are now accepting applications for all or part of the 2009-2010 academic year, which starts in early September 2009. For a research visit beginning at the opening of the academic year the possibility of acceptance is enhanced if the application is received by April 15, 2009.

Please complete all components of the Visiting Scholar application and mail it and the application fee of \$50 (payable by check or money order to Harvard University) to: East Asian Legal Studies Program, Harvard Law School, 1563 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138 USA.

VISITING SCHOLAR APPLICATION

Please submit to the address above: this form, the requested transcript(s), two reference letters, your résumé, and the application fee of US \$50 as a check or money order made payable to “Harvard University.” Candidates who have previously been at Harvard should submit at least one reference letter from a Harvard faculty member.

1. Name (underline surname)

2. Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Citizenship

3. Mailing Address

E-mail address

4. Telephone Number

Fax Number

5. Social Security Number (if available)

6. Dates during which you would like to be at East Asian Legal Studies

Start date:

End date:

7. Education

(Please list the institution, degree awarded, and dates of study.)

Graduate

Undergraduate

8. English language proficiency

TOEFL score and date taken:

Number of years of formal English study:

9. Employment

(With current or most recent experience listed first, please include your title and dates of employment in each position, or provide a résumé.)

10. Publications

(Provide full citation and indicate language in which published.)

11. Amount and source of your funds available for financial support during your stay at East Asian Legal Studies

12. Names and birth dates of family members planning to accompany you.

13. Has your education been interrupted for one or more terms for any reason? If so, please explain.

14. Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action by any professional organization or academic institution you have attended? If so, please explain.

15. Have you ever been convicted (without the conviction later having been vacated) of any felony or misdemeanor? Is there any criminal charge pending against you? If so, please explain.

16. Health insurance coverage is mandatory. Indicate whether you plan to purchase health insurance through Harvard upon your arrival or maintain your current policy.

17. Provide a research proposal of no more than five pages in which you:

- describe in detail your proposed project
- indicate the methodology you plan to employ and your objectives
- indicate which resources at Harvard make East Asian Legal Studies the most appropriate setting for undertaking this research
- explain how time spent as a Visiting Scholar fits into your long-range goals.

18. You may also submit a personal statement (of no more than five pages) to tell us more about yourself. We receive applications from many outstanding scholars and practitioners from around the world, and would encourage you to take this opportunity to show us how you are different from other applicants. What are your intellectual and professional aspirations? How have you contributed to your community, nation, place of work and/or study? In what ways would a research stay at East Asian Legal Studies influence your thinking and work in the future?