## WongAvery Visiting Scholar Exchange 2025 - Call Guidelines

**Long title:** WongAvery Visiting Scholar Exchange Programme 2025 in collaboration with Cambridge University

**Short title:** WongAvery Scholar Exchange 2025

**Applications Open:** Monday September 2, 2024
**Applications Close:** Monday October 28, 2024 - 16:00 (Pacific Daylight Time) / 12:00am (GMT)

## Overview:

University of California San Diego (UC San Diego) Library is delighted to announce the launch of the WongAvery Visiting Scholar Exchange Program. Generously supported by the Avery-Tsui Foundation and in collaboration with University of Cambridge, this new initiative will enable a Visiting Scholar to spend between two and four weeks undertaking research focused on the Chinese Collection held at UC San Diego Library. This program is a collaboration between UC San Diego and University of Cambridge.

The maximum value of the scholarship is $9,300. The deadline for applications is Thursday October 28, 2024 16:00 (Pacific Daylight Time) / 12:00am (GMT).

## The Collections:

Established in 1987, the Chinese Collection at UC San Diego focuses on collecting modern and contemporary Chinese language materials in the humanities and social sciences, including literature, history, sociology, linguistics, art, film studies, philosophy, economy business, political science, and international relations pertaining to the greater China.

With over 70,000 volumes in print, 1,705,000 digital titles from multiple databases, and 6,100 films, this expanding collection is rapidly becoming recognized as a new regional as well as national resource center for researchers and students in the field of Chinese Studies.

The notable local collections include the world-renowned Chinese Underground Films, Chinese Cultural Revolution Posters, The Anti-Confucius Book Collection, Posters of the Chinese Independent Film Festivals, Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars Friendship Delegation Digital Archive, 1973 Guardian Tour of China Collection, Norman Spencer Photographs, Wugong Village research archive, Democracy Wall archive, Tillman Durdin Papers, 1937-1974 and Carol Pletcher Collection on the U.S. Women Scientists China Study Tour, 1981.

## Program Details:

The scholarship is available for an exchange duration of **two and four weeks**, depending on the nature of the research and the candidate's preference.

It includes a requirement to be resident in Cambridge for a minimum of two weeks, to be undertaken in a single stint. This is to enable in-depth, in-person engagement with the Chinese collections. Residency accommodation will be provided by UC San Diego.

During this period, the Visiting Scholar will be based at UC San Diego Library, where they will have access to the Library's physical collections and electronic resources.

The awardee will be supported by Ms Xi Chen (Chinese Studies Librarian, UC San Diego).

## Outputs

The successful applicant will be required to submit a short report after the exchange visit detailing their experience of the exchange and a brief overview of the research undertaken.

We expect to work with the successful scholar on the best outputs for their research.
Outputs could include one or more of the following (but are not limited to):
1. Blog post on the UC San Diego's website
2. Webinar presentation to share experience and research

They must also be willing to be featured on the UC San Diego Library's website.

# Timeline:

- Deadline for applications to be submitted: Thursday 28 October 2024 - 16:00 (Pacific daylight time) / 12:00am (GMT)
- Applications assessed: November 2024
- Award announced: December 2024
- Scholar undertakes project: between June 22 and August 31 2025 (approximate range, detailed dates in 2025 are to be determined)
- Earliest date on which UC San Diego residency can start: June 22 2025 (approximate date)
- Latest date on which UC San Diego residency can end: August 31 2025 (approximate date)

# Eligibility:

Applications are welcome from graduate students enrolled in Cambridge graduate degree program. The minimum requirement for applicants to have is a master's level degree or equivalent and be currently working towards a PhD. We particularly welcome proposals that are likely to result in new perspectives on the collection, and/or which use innovative methodologies.

# Funding Available/Eligible Costs:

Funding is available to support the costs arising directly from the scholar's research. The maximum amount that can be applied for is $9,300

**Eligible Costs**

1. **Research expenses**
   - **Round trip between Cambridge and San Diego:** (economy class) to complete a minimum two-week residency, up to a maximum of $1500.
   - **Visa costs:** you can apply for the cost of a standard visa ($185) if required. Details of visa requirements are available here.
   - **Travel and health insurance:** you can apply for up to $400 to cover the costs of travel and health insurance. Visitors in J-1 and J-2 statuses are required to maintain health insurance coverage that meets U.S. Department of State requirements for their program duration as a condition of their participation in the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program. Details can be found here.
   - **Accommodation costs for the UC San Diego residency:** $62/night.
   - **Meal costs for UC San Diego residency**: up to $250 per week may be claimed to help with the cost of food and local travel whilst in San Diego.
   - **Additional research expenses up to a maximum of $2000**.
     Examples include:
     - Travel to other libraries
     - Accommodation, meals and incidental costs outside San Diego (up to $180 per night for accommodation and $71 per day for meals and incidentals)
     - Reproduction fees
     - Open Access fees

2. **Accommodation and meals**
   - Subject to availability, UC San Diego Library will book accommodation for the Visiting Scholar at UC San Diego Hospitality and Conference Services. Information on accommodation can be found [here](#).
   - The standard option we expect to provide **is a private, single occupancy bedroom in a shared apartment (max of 4 people per apartment)**.
   - If the requested accommodation is unavailable at UC San Diego, the Library will provide guidance on alternative options in San Diego.
   - Accommodation costs will be paid on the scholar's behalf by UC San Diego Library.
   - The scholar will also benefit from access to the dining halls at UC San Diego. Further details will be provided once an award is made.

3. **Ineligible costs**
   - Accommodation and meal costs for the scholar outside the above mentioned parameters.
   - Student fees
   - Overheads
   - Equipment, software and office supplies
   - Purchase of books or other materials (other than reproductions to support the project)
   - Web hosting
   - Consultancy and other forms of sub-contracting (other than reproduction fees)

Example budget:

| Expenditure type | Description | Cost |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Airfare | Example: Pre-booked economy around trip to/from Cambridge/San Diego | $2000 |
| Accommodation for UCSD residency | Example: Housing provided by UC San Diego's Hospitality and Conference Services for four weeks | $2500 |
| Meals for UCSD residency | Example: Meals for four weeks | $2000 |
| Research expense | Example: local travel expenses (airfare and rideshare service) | $1100 |
| Research expense | Example: lodging (up to $180/day) | $600 |
| Research expense | Example: meals and incidentals (up to $71/day) | $300 |

| Visa | Example: Standard Visitor Visa | $185 |
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| | Total | $9,085 |

## Application Process

Applications are welcome from graduate students enrolled in a Cambridge graduate degree program students who are currently Cambridge University students. The minimum requirement for applicants to have is a master's level degree or equivalent and be currently working towards a PhD. Applications must be made in English.

1. Download and complete the application form here (to be linked to file "Application Form - UCSD")
2. Email your completed application form to xic031@ucsd.edu by the **deadline** Monday October 28, 2024 - 16:00 (Pacific Daylight Time) / 12:00am (GMT).

## Selection Process

Applications will be assessed by a panel comprising Xi Chen (Chinese Studies Librarian UC San Diego), Prof. Karl Gerth (Chinese Studies Program, History Department, UC San Diego), Shi Deng (Head of CJK Metadata Librarian, UC San Diego). The panel will assess the written documentation against the following criteria:

I. Relevance of the proposed topic to the collection of interest
II. Suitability of research methodologies
III. Feasibility (time and budget)

## Terms and Conditions

The scholar will be required to agree to the following terms and conditions by signing an agreement with Cambridge University Library prior to starting their project.

1. This is a personal award, intended to be undertaken by the scholar independently. It cannot be transferred or shared with another individual.
2. The scholarship must be **between two and four weeks in length**, to be undertaken between **June 22 2025 and August 31 2025** (approximate range, detailed dates in 2025 are to be determined)**.**
3. The scholar must be **resident in San Diego for a minimum of two weeks**, to be undertaken in a single stint.
4. The residency must **start no sooner than June 22 2025** and **finish no later than August 31 2025** (approximate range, detailed dates in 2025 are to be determined)**.**
5. Agreed **UC San Diego accommodation costs will be paid on the scholar's behalf** by UC San Diego Library but should still be included in the application budget table.
6. Other than in exceptional circumstances, **funding will not normally be made available in advance**. If this will cause you difficulties, please contact

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7. **All other expenses must be itemized and claimed by the scholar retrospectively against receipts**.

8. **Expenses must fall into one of the following categories**: round trip between Cambridge and San Diego; visa costs; travel and health insurance costs; accommodation; meals; additional research expenses.

9. Research outputs must be **completed within 3 months of completing the residency.**

10. The scholar must also be willing to be **featured on the** UC San Diego Library's website.

## Further Information

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Xi Chen at xic031@ucsd.edu.