



# THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

## CENTER FOR EAST ASIAN STUDIES

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**We are pleased to announce that the University of Chicago Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS) has been awarded over \$1.9 million from the U.S. Department of Education for the period of 2022 to 2026.**

CEAS, one of the longest established interdisciplinary centers on campus, is a recipient of two grants from Title VI of the Higher Education Act (International Education Programs). CEAS has been designated a *National Resource Center (NRC)* and will administer *Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS)* Fellowships to support the advanced study of modern, less commonly taught languages (Chinese, Japanese, and Korean) and international and area studies related to East Asia.

This funding will support a variety of activities on campus, as well as K-16 outreach initiatives, including professional development opportunities for educators and promotion of global, co-curricular activities with local schools, community colleges, and minority-serving institutions. Title VI-funded educational outreach will also deepen the University's relationships with educational and cultural institutions throughout Chicago, especially on the South Side. CEAS looks forward to continuing and enhancing its efforts to promote teaching, research, interdisciplinary scholarship, and greater public understanding of East Asia.

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**During the 2022-2026 cycle, CEAS aims to meet Title VI and FLAS objectives in the following ways:**

- Support ***area studies instruction*** by bolstering course development with East Asian media content and ***Korean and East Asian transregional area studies development*** with a new postdoctoral position focusing on modern Korean history and East Asian transregional topics.
- Support ***language instruction*** in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean, including online literacy-focused heritage learner courses. Work with the Chicago Language Center to support co-curricular activities and investment in ***pedagogy, curriculum design, proficiency assessment and certification, ACTFL training, and professional development for language instructors***. Support the *Language Across the Curriculum Program* and *Language for Specific Purposes* courses to integrate advanced East Asian language instruction into disciplinary training in the Humanities and Social Sciences.
- Support the expansion of the world-class University's East Asian Collection through ***funding for acquisitions***, including new digital resources.
- Support the ***acquisition and development of media and digital resources*** to enhance the study of China, Japan, and Korea. This initiative includes the digitization of archival material, curation of metadata related to this material, and the application and development of tools for computational analysis of digitized texts. Such support also provides professional development opportunities with faculty, librarians, and administrative staff training students on accessibility issues, meta data and ethical digital stewardship, cataloging, website support, and digitization techniques.
- Support ***interdisciplinary research through conferences, symposia, lectures, and workshops***. Such programs will include public lectures by prominent scholars, graduate student-led symposia, and workshops that aim to promote the development of new skills, methods, and forms of knowledge. Planned topics include:

- *Science, Media & Ecology in Contemporary Japan*: CEAS will support a series international symposia and graduate student methods workshops, in collaboration with domestic and foreign institutions that bring together interdisciplinary scholars, artists, and performers, whose work engages with the issues of terminality, renewal, and sustainability across the globe and in Japan. Activities also include creation of an interactive website and public film screenings to educate the public on issues of media and ecologies in East Asia.
- *The Platform Era: New Digital Approaches to the Study of Global*: CEAS will support training, course development, workshops, outreach presentations, and a public conference to promote proficiency and understanding of digital methods (e.g., text-mining, text-analysis, coding, programming, utilization of specialized archives, computational and comparative methods, and multi-regional and multi-modal case studies) for studying global culture and the impact of East Asian culture on global online platforms.
- *East Asian Translation Across the Disciplines*: CEAS will support faculty-led publication projects to train advanced graduate students in translation techniques across disciplines.
- *Comparative Literary History of East Asia*: CEAS will support an annual, public lecture series on “Cultural Transactions Beyond the National Frame”; UChicago acquisition of publications on or in the languages of national minorities in North and Southwest China; and the training of graduate students to catalog rare books and compile bibliographies and translations to advance the study of multipolar cultural relations in East Asia.
- *East Asia and the Silk Roads*: CEAS will support a joint NRC collaboration with the UChicago Center for Middle Eastern Studies for lectures and workshops on historical and contemporary concepts of “Silk Roads” impacting economic, cultural, religious, political, and social interactions across centuries.
- Work with the Chicago Language Center (CLC) and the Chicago Center for Teaching (CCT) to promote the **pedagogical training** of the next generation of East Asian specialists to enable them to become effective educators of students at every level. CCT activities will include support for CCT Teaching Fellows, a CCT area studies pedagogy series, and Exploratory Teaching Groups. CLC activities will include summer language pedagogy workshops, ACTFL training, and Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) workshops.
- Enhance **professionalization and career programming** in diverse areas of national need.
- Build on CEAS’s successful **outreach program to K-16 students and educators** through the following programs:
  - In collaboration with other Title VI centers, CEAS will continue to develop **workshops/conferences and Summer Institutes for Educators for K-16 teachers** to enhance knowledge and understanding of national and international issues involving East Asia.
  - CEAS will expand upon its successful **collaboration with the City Colleges of Chicago** by continuing to contribute to professional and course development to enhance the internationalization of the curriculum.
  - CEAS will expand its commitment to **art, film, music, performance, and cultural programming** through collaborations with on-campus arts programs and institutions including the Committee on Theater and Performance Studies, Court Theatre, Doc Films, Film Studies Center, Logan Center, Smart Museum, and UChicago Presents’ *Music Without Borders* series. Special workshops, screenings, residencies, and master classes organized in collaboration with these institutions will bring East Asian music, film, art, and performance to diverse and underserved audiences in Chicago.

For more information and to learn about upcoming events and opportunities, please visit <http://ceas.uchicago.edu> or contact [eastasia@uchicago.edu](mailto:eastasia@uchicago.edu).