2005-2006 Application
WHAT IS PRINCETON-IN-ASIA?

Princeton-in-Asia (PiA) is an independent, non-profit organization located at Princeton University. Founded by students in 1898, the program has long been driven by a mission to foster cross-cultural understanding between Asians and Americans by giving young people opportunities to live and work in Asia. As employees of a variety of Asian institutions, PiA fellows gain work experience while providing valuable services to their Asian hosts. It is PiA’s vision that through extended exposure to Asian workplaces and cultures, fellows will develop a life-long appreciation for that region of the world.

For the 2005-2006 academic year, PiA expects to offer approximately 65 full-year fellowships in the following countries: China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. New positions in other countries are always under development and may also be available. Most fellows work as English teachers at universities and high schools. There are also some specialized positions in business, international development, journalism, and the teaching of technical subjects.

PREREQUISITES

PiA applicants are generally college seniors or recent graduates, but anyone who meets the prerequisites is welcome to apply. Please remember this is a fellowship program. Though a local salary and housing will be provided, a position with PiA generally is not a money-making venture. However, working hours are kept low if possible so fellows can pursue language study or other personal projects.

The basic prerequisite for placement is a bachelor’s degree. In addition:

- TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) experience is required prior to departure for all English teaching positions. At least 20 hours of TESL preparation through a short course (such as the one PiA offers at Princeton in the Spring) or volunteer tutoring will fulfill this requirement. Tutoring can be done at most universities and also through church groups and human service organizations. Princeton University students who are not already TESL certified are required to take the TESL course offered through PiA in the Spring.

- English teaching positions require native English speaking ability. PiA recognizes that citizens of any country may have that ability, but we have occasionally had problems convincing Asian institutions of that fact.

- Asian language ability is not a prerequisite for most positions. Non-teaching positions typically require some language skills or specific academic or work experience.

- All applicants must be able to come to Princeton for an interview in January, and those applicants who receive placement must attend the weekend orientation held in early or mid May on Princeton’s campus.

COSTS

1) Application fee: $40
2) Transportation expenses for trips to Princeton in January (interviews) and May (orientation).
3) $300 fellow contribution. This contribution represents only a fraction of the total costs of arranging a fellowship.
4) Vaccination and pre-departure health expenses.
5) Visa application fees.
6) Round-trip transportation to Asia for many positions.
7) Cost of TESL certification course where applicable (the course offered at Princeton costs $100)

Princeton in Asia maintains a policy of need-blind selection. PiA fellowships are open to a diverse group of graduates. Upon selection for a PiA fellowship, the PiA home office will work with the fellow to arrange student loan deferrals and travel grants where applicable.
In addition to local salary and housing, PiA provides:

- An orientation program including travel, health, visa, and packing information as well as cultural and current affairs background on our locations.
- Group medical insurance for all fellows in need of coverage, including emergency medical evacuation coverage.
- Travel grants on a need basis. Airfare is generally the responsibility of the fellow.
- Student loan deferments for PiA participants are generally granted by student loan agencies.

- Applicants should tell us their country(ies) of preference. If you are interested in a specific job or sector, you may indicate that as well. Keep in mind, however, that a certain degree of flexibility may increase your chances of placement.

- Look through some general resources on Asia prior to making your country selections or attending your interview. Suggestions: *The Asian Wall Street Journal; The Far East Economic Review; The Japan Times Weekly; The Lonely Planet Guidebook Series*. The Asia Society has an excellent web page at www.asiasociety.org. You may wish to seek advice from international students as well as East Asian Studies professors.

- Princeton students or people who live in the area may come by the PiA office and look through reports filed by previous fellows about their positions. Those who are applying from off-campus should contact the office and tell us what positions interest you so we can send these reports by e-mail.

- Some PiA posts allow for unmarried couples to be placed together in the same city. It is not easy to arrange, however, and both candidates must qualify independently. If you desire to work near a significant other, please inform us early in the application process.

- Although unique, PiA is not the only program that sends fellows to Asia. If you do not live on the East Coast or will be out of the country for an extended period of time, you may want to consider another program due to the travel costs you will incur by applying to PiA. All selected applicants must come to Princeton for an interview and orientation. We attempt to offer interviews only to those applicants who stand a reasonable chance of being placed. However, being granted an interview does not guarantee placement.

**CALENDAR**

**November 30:** Deadline for submission of application materials.

**Mid/late December:** Selected applicants notified of interview date and time.

**January 15-16 & 22-23:** Interviews of selected applicants held at Princeton University. Interviews for China, Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam are generally held the first weekend. All other interviews are the second weekend. **Required.**

**Mid-February:** PiA notifies applicants of first-round selection results. Upon notification, candidates must make a commitment to accept the position and to follow through on related commitments if accepted by the host. If first choice candidates cannot commit, then alternates are contacted. **The Asian institutions make final selections, not PiA.**

**March-April:** Finalization of positions.

**Early to mid May:** Orientation at Princeton. **All new fellows must attend orientation.** Orientation lasts one weekend, starting Friday and ending Sunday. If you will be graduating then please indicate this on your application form.

**Late May-October:** New fellows leave for Asia. Date of departure depends upon the country and employing institution. For departure dates for specific positions see the Summary of 2005-2006 PiA Fellowships (pages 8-12).
Checklist

_____ Application fee of $40.00. Please make checks payable to Princeton-in-Asia.

_____ A completed PiA application form.

_____ Two completed essays (see below).

_____ Two copies of your resume (one page in length) including your current and permanent addresses and phone numbers. Tailor your resume for PiA purposes, highlighting previous teaching, travel, Asian language proficiency, and cross-cultural experience. Applicants for workplace and technical-teaching (Singapore) positions should detail their coursework and work experience as appropriate.

_____ All official college transcripts (as recent as possible).

_____ One letter of reference, including the phone number and e-mail address of the writer, plus contact information for a second reference. We prefer at least one employer reference, if possible, and references must be based in the US or Canada.

_____ One photocopy of your currently valid passport information page (which includes passport number, period of validity, etc.). If your passport is due to expire within 18 months, begin the renewal process now. All applicants must have a valid passport by interviews in January.

_____ Four passport-size photos with your name printed on the back of each and put in an envelope.

Essay #1: Where in Asia and Why?

Being as specific and personal as possible, please discuss why you have selected certain countries and positions. Try to touch upon the following:

1) What attracts you to these locations?
2) What do you expect will be the greatest challenge of the job, and how do you plan to handle it? The greatest reward?
3) What do you think will be the most difficult aspect of living in another country? In the country you selected?
4) In the long run, what do you hope to gain by spending time in this country/out of your own country?

Please keep your essay to around 750 words.

Essay #2: Handling Transition

Discuss an event which caused a major change in your life. How did you deal with the transition? What aspects of this transition were the most difficult, and what do you feel you learned? Would you do anything different?

Please keep your essay to around 500 words.

Please send your completed application by November 30 to:
Princeton-in-Asia; Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Room 202; 83 Prospect Ave.;
Princeton University; Princeton, NJ 08544
Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to be a Princeton graduate?
No. PiA is a Princeton-based program, and a large percentage of our applicants are Princeton students. Therefore, we expect that many of our placements will be Princetonians. But for any specific fellowship opening, we are looking for the best possible candidate regardless of their undergraduate institution.

Can I apply if I graduated from college several years ago?
Yes. Approximately 15 percent of PiA fellows have been out of college a few years before applying to PiA.

What kind of degree do I need?
You must have your bachelors degree by the time you go to Asia. We accept people with advanced degrees (Masters only, no Ph.D.s), especially for non-teaching posts. PiA's fellowships are geared toward recent college graduates. People with many years of teaching or other experience should consider other programs.

What are my chances of placement?
Applicant numbers vary from year to year, but the most popular posts consistently have three or more strong applicants per opening. Candidates who have clearly defined goals yet demonstrate flexibility regarding placement have better chances.

Is it an advantage to have been to Asia before?
No. There are a handful of positions that require some previous experience and/or Asian language skills. For most positions, however, we are looking for an interest in Asia rather than in-depth knowledge.

Should I specify a particular country or job on my application?
You should tell us you country(ies) and, if applicable, cities of preference. When necessary, do some research to determine which country(ies) might best suit you. If you are interested in a specific job or sector, you may indicate that as well. Keep in mind, however, that a certain degree of flexibility may increase your chance of placement.

Is PiA only about English teaching?
No. The majority of fellows are employed as English teachers at universities, colleges, and high schools. But there are also specialized positions in business, international development, journalism, law, and teaching of technical subjects.

How do I learn more about specific positions?
Princeton students or people who live in the area may come by the PiA office and look through reports filed by previous fellows about their positions. Those who are applying from off-campus should contact the office and tell us what positions interest you so we can send these reports by e-mail.

Will you be adding any new positions to the ones listed on this application?
Very possibly, yes. Every year, PiA typically adds new positions and eliminates others, with details not finalized until January. In addition, some positions may not be available if a current fellow decides to stay a second year on the job.

How do I decide where I want to go and what I want to do?
Here are some questions we ask candidates to help discover what post might best suit them: What is your college major/industry of interest, and how might you apply that working in Asia? What kind of climate do you like? Do you like living in big cities or small towns? Do you want the opportunity to learn a foreign language or do you prefer a primarily English-speaking country? Do you want to lived in a a more developed or less developed area? Do you want to live in a place with other foreigners? Do you know a PiA alum to ask about their experience?
Last Name: ___________________________ First Name: ___________________________
Middle Initial: _______ Nickname/Preferred Name: ________________________________

1) Current Address
Street _____________________________ Apt # ________
City ___________________________ State _____ Zip Code _______ Country ______________________
Home Phone # ____________________ Cell Phone# __________________
Work # ___________________________ E-Mail Address __________________________

**Last Date** in the spring of 2004 that you can be contacted at the above address/number: ______________________________

2) Permanent Address (i.e. Family Address):
Street _____________________________ Apt # ________
City ___________________________ State _____ Zip Code _______ Country ______________________
Home Phone # ____________________ Emergency contact: Name: __________________________
E-Mail: __________________________

Which address/# can we use to contact you between Dec. 11 & Jan. 14? __________________________

3) Background
Undergraduate University __________________________ Major ______________________
Graduating Class __________________________ If 2005, date of graduation ______________________
Graduate Degree or coursework (if any) ______________________
Any teaching experience? __________________________

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Any international travel/living experience? If so, where and what length of time? __________________________

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How did you find out about PiA? __________________________

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**Important Background Information- Please Fill In Completely**

Passport # ___________________________ Expiration Date ________ Place of Issue ______________________

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) ___________ Social Security # __________________________
4) Any Foreign Language Experience? (not a prerequisite)

If yes, which language(s)?
How many semesters/years?

5) Countries of Interest (Indicate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice)

___ People's Republic of China
___ Japan
___ Kazakhstan
___ Korea
___ Laos
___ Malaysia
___ Singapore
___ Taiwan
___ Thailand
___ Vietnam

6) Locations of Interest

If PiA has fellowships in more than one location in the countries you indicated above, please specify which location(s) you prefer. In addition, use this section to highlight specific fellowships (e.g. NGOs or Media) which interest you.

1st Choice Country:
Preferred locations/fellowships:

2nd Choice Country:
Preferred locations/fellowships:

3rd Choice Country:
Preferred locations/fellowships:

Notes/Additional Comments: Is there anything else you would like us to know?
Summary of 2005-2006 PiA Fellowships

The following pages detail the fellowships that PiA offers. The fellowships are divided into teaching positions and workplace positions. Some countries have fellowships available in both categories. Also, it is common that new positions be added or current positions deleted during the year due to the decisions of current PiA fellows to remain on the job for a second year. We will inform accepted applicants of any major program changes. Take the time to read the country and position descriptions. It is also important to note the starting date of positions in countries to which you apply. More detailed information on any given country or position is available at the PiA office. Applicants should feel free to contact the PiA office with questions and/or requests for specific information.

Teaching Fellowships

All of our teaching fellowships provide a livable salary, assuming a modest lifestyle, as well as housing or assistance in finding housing. Airfare is generally not included. Teachers in Japan, Korea, Laos, and Singapore may actually have significant savings at the end of the year, but all other posts are “break-even” posts. PiA provides medical insurance for fellows otherwise without coverage. The usual term of commitment is one year. Teaching English in Asia is a fabulous opportunity to get to know the culture while at the same time providing a meaningful service to your community. The work itself, however, is not without frustration. The classes can be large, the students reticent, and the teaching materials substandard. But in the end, the students make the experience worth the effort. PiA’s program in Singapore and Korea also offers teaching positions in fields other than English.

Japan: 4 Fellowships

High speed trains, ultra-modern technology, and a high cost of living are characteristic of this island nation. Consequently, PiA’s host institutions in Japan tend to be generous in terms of salary allowance and housing subsidies, but don’t expect a lot of square-footage in your apartment. Hours on the job are also significantly higher than in some other PiA countries and weekend commitments are common. Japanese students of English typically read and comprehend well, but lack speaking confidence. All positions in Japan begin in late August.

Kurashiki: 2 positions at a private Catholic girls’ high school (and junior high) in a medium-sized city with access to Osaka. Kurashiki is a quiet location without a lot of night life. Fellows generally find good opportunities to become involved with students through participation in extra-curricular activities such as coaching the school debate team. The school provides housing, a generous salary, and return air-ticket.

Yakage City: 2 positions working with kindergartens and elementary schools administered by the Yakage town council. Duties include teaching in the morning and returning to City Hall in the afternoon to write a brief report of morning activities. The salary is generous and housing is provided. Yakage is a small town with numerous opportunities to become involved in the community. Some Japanese language experience is necessary.

Tokyo: 1 position teaching at a Buddhist temple school. Instead of living in a cramped Tokyo high rise apartment with sky high rents, the fellow lives on the grounds of the temple where the quarters may be austere, but one is guaranteed an amazing cultural experience. The stipend is modest but liveable, and the position offers a great view of the bustling center of modern Japanese culture from a living environment that few westerners have a chance to experience.

Kazakhstan: 2 Fellowships

This ex-Soviet republic is considered the gateway to Central Asia. Kazakhstan is the most politically and economically stable country of the region and is attracting significant foreign investment. The capital city of Almaty is known for its amazing natural scenery and is a great match for people who enjoy the outdoors. There is a thriving expatriate community ranging from oil businessmen to Peace Corps volunteers. The dominant language in the country is Russian, and Almaty is a great place to begin or continue language studies.

Almaty: 2 positions at the country’s foremost Business School in Almaty which offers BA and MBA/MPA programs. Fellows teach English in the foreign language department and students range from undergraduates (16-17 years old) with basic English skills to more advanced graduate students. There are also plenty of opportunities to become involved in student extracurricular activities. The institute provides a livable salary and the option to live on or off campus. Positions begin in mid-August.

Korea: 3 Fellowships

The Korean peninsula offers incredible natural scenery and four distinct seasons. Fellows enjoy a lifestyle which is a blend of modern conveniences and traditional Korean values. It is reasonable to expect to live comfortably and save money as a teacher in Korea. However, teachers in Korea tend to work more hours than teachers in other countries.

Kwangju: 2 positions at a grade school teaching science, social studies, history, or literature. This is a special school for Korean children in which all classes are based on a US curriculum and conducted in English, so Korean language ability is not necessary. Fellows teach middle or high
school. Round trip airfare, a good salary, and accommodations next to the school are provided. Kwangju is a lovely city with few foreigners, and it is rich in cultural opportunities. Positions begin in late July.

Kyongju: 1 position teaching English language as well as more specific courses such as Tourism English and Hotel Management English at the college level. Kyongju is a smaller, authentic Korean city located at the foot of scenic Sondo mountain. Full of temples, tombs and picturesque sites, Kyongju offers a PIA fellow the opportunity to immerse one’s self in Korean language and culture. Without a glut of western tourists, Western activities and services are harder to come by here than in other Korean cities, so the ideal candidate will be someone who wants to experience traditional Korea. Students at the college tend to be hard-working and the PiA fellows have a lot of freedom in creating the curriculum. Start date is late August.

Laos: 1 Fellowship

Think Thailand 20 years ago. Laos, with a very low population density, is one of the least developed countries in SE Asia. Vientiane often feels more like a frontier town than a national capital, with a mixture of 4WD vehicles, motorbikes, bicycles, pushcarts, and livestock that share its streets. Even from the middle of downtown Vientiane, it is only a five-minute walk to rice paddies. Buddhism plays a major part in people’s lives, and this is an excellent post for people interested in learning more about this religion.

Vientiane: 1 position at a private college affiliated with an Australian University. The faculty for the English program are all foreign (English, Australian, etc.) and many of the students are on scholarships from the government or work for the UN or NGOs. The students are quite motivated, and the school has excellent facilities (class size of 18 students). Faculty work together on curriculum planning, and this position is best suited for someone truly interested in education. Excellent salary to cover all living costs and travel, plus a one-way airticket.

Malaysia: 2 Fellowships

Malaysia is considered by many as the “best kept secret in SE Asia.” While the dominant cultural force has undoubtedly been Islam, the country is a melting pot of diverse cultures — Malay, Chinese, and Indian. With this diversity comes an amazing array of food, festivals, and cultural traditions. It also has some of the region’s best beaches and rainforests, and it is a wonderful location for adventure travelers (scuba diving, rockclimbing, hiking). Malay is a relatively easy language to learn, and fellows can take classes at the university.

Penang (Pulau Pinang): 2 positions at a national university. The students tend to have a relatively good command of English and are quite motivated to learn. The English department has a strong sense of collegiality and offers a great environment for novice teachers to learn about education. Penang is a city in contrast — it’s an island, a bustling metropolis, and also boasts one of the most traditional oldstyle Chinatowns (Georgetown) in Asia. The salary provides for housing, daily living costs, and some savings for travel. Fellows live off-campus. Begins in early June.

People's Republic of China: 13 Fellowships

China is arguably the most dynamic, rapidly changing country in Asia. However, slow bureaucracies and crowds are also very Chinese. Low teaching hours give fellows lots of time to explore personal interests in language, local culture, or business. And remember, Beijing isn’t the only (or the best) place to experience China. All teachers receive a livable salary, housing (generally on campus), and in some cases, assistance with airfare. Unless otherwise noted, all fellowships begin in late August.

Beijing: 2 positions at an international affairs college in Beijing. Considered one of the best teaching posts in China, the students are very motivated and have a good command of English. The college prefers teachers with backgrounds in American politics, history, or literature. Competition for Beijing posts is usually quite stiff. Applicants must have an excellent academic record and previous teaching experience.

Hunan: 2 positions at a Teachers College in a relatively remote part of Hunan Province. This region, which is home to many people of the Tu and Miao minorities, is one of the most underdeveloped in China. The city (population 300,000) is located 60 miles from a major nature preserve. These positions offer a wonderful opportunity to work with minority students from one of the poorer regions of China and make a real difference. Applicants should be prepared for tougher living conditions than those found in major Chinese cities.

Hubei: 2 positions at a polytechnical university in the capital, Wuhan, an industrial city with a large student population. Compared to the major coastal cities, Wuhan is “real China.” It is not as slick and prosperous but it has seen rapid change of late. Wuhan’s climate is challenging due to its hot summers and cold winters without central heat. The fellows teach conversational English to undergraduates and graduate students.

Liaoning Province: 3 positions at a major science university in Dalian and 2 positions at a teaching college in Shenyang. With its clean environment and small foreign community, Dalian is probably one of the most livable cities in China. Shenyang is the former Manchu capital and now industrial city. Located on the south side of the city, the university campus hosts an institute specializing in American studies. Candidates with English degrees may have the opportunity to teach literature classes. History and finance majors may also have the chance to teach specialized courses in English.

Zhejiang Province: 2 positions at a major technical university. The city, Hangzhou, is a short distance from Shanghai. However, it is vastly different from the major metropolis. Few foreigners reside here, making it a great place for practicing Mandarin and making Chinese friends. Comparatively clean air, a smaller population, and beautiful park scenery (including the famous West Lake) make it an attractive site as well.
Singapore: 6 Fellowships

Singapore is a booming SE Asian city-state with wonderful foods, parks, and tropical weather. This clean, orderly, safe city with easy access to Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and other colorful locales is a multi-cultural melting pot for many Asian communities. Some Westerners complain that it is difficult to find “Asian Culture” in this rapidly developing Tiger on the tip of the Malaysian peninsula, but it is definitely there. You just need to look for it.

6 positions at a Polytechnic (similar to a community college). Fellows teach in the departments of engineering, computer science, mass communications/film studies, biology, and economics. These positions offer an excellent opportunity to teach your subject area and get a true sense of the challenges of a teaching career. The school has outstanding facilities, excellent teaching resources, and fellows are very involved in departmental activities. The excellent salary and generous vacation time make Singapore home of PiA’s most traveled fellows. On-campus housing and airfare provided. Start date: late-June.

Taiwan: 2 Fellowships

Taiwan provides an interesting blend of modern conveniences with traditional Chinese language and customs. It is an island known for both its massive urbanization and its lush natural scenery. Although it is located only 100 miles southeast of mainland China, Taiwan’s political, social, and economic policies are much different and offer a complex and fascinating world for a foreign teacher to explore.

Taichung: 2 positions at a grade school affiliated with a university. PiA fellows teach English classes and participate in extra-curricular activities for the students. The hours are long, but an excellent compensation package provides airfare, housing, great salary, and bonus. There is ample vacation time to travel in the region. Both positions require a two-year commitment and begin in early August.

Thailand: 10 Fellowships

Thailand is a country full of contrasts and wonder. The cosmopolitan city of Bangkok offers a rich nightlife and most modern conveniences. Bangkok’s traffic and pollution are in stark contrast to the other face of Thailand which includes Buddhist temples, relatively unspoiled villages, beaches, and beautiful countryside. Thai people are often described by our fellows as being extremely generous and friendly. Comfortable housing is generally provided, but airfare is not usually included. Significant vacations between semesters allow for travel, but salaries are generally not enough to pay for extravagant adventures outside of Thailand. The Thailand positions begin in early June or mid-October.

Chiang Mai: Thailand’s second largest city is located in a beautiful region. It is generally a more livable city than Bangkok, but growing quickly and developing its own traffic and pollution problems. Chiang Mai offers easy access to rural Thailand with many of the Western amenities available in Bangkok.

Vietnam: 4 Fellowships

Vietnam is one of the most exciting countries in Asia — an intriguing North-South cultural dynamic, a complex history, and a diverse geography. It is one of the least developed countries in SE Asia and living there requires a great deal of patience. But it is a great choice for people wanting to get off the beaten path, avoid McDonald’s, and experience a country at a critical crossroads. The colleges provide housing, and PiA provides a stipend to cover other basic living costs. Positions begin September 1.

Can Tho: 2 positions in a major city in Vietnam. Can Tho lies in the Mekong Delta about 5 hours from Ho Chi Minh City and is a good place to witness rural Vietnamese life. Arguably, the people of this region are Vietnam’s warmest and most hospitable. In Can Tho, fellows
can expect to teach between 18-20 hours per week at the university level. Fellows have also been involved in teaching American history courses and developing specialized courses.

Rach Gia: 2 positions in a delta city right on the Gulf of Thailand. Located two hours from Can Tho, the city is busy with bicycles and motorbikes that bustle around the many round-a-bouts and large city squares. The main part of the town lies between two rivers and offers a gorgeous view of some distant islands. PiA fellows are the only foreigners in this city and this is the total immersion experience. Teaching hours are 16-18 per week, and fellows live at a guest house with Vietnamese teachers and have all of their meals together.

Workplace Fellowships

PiA offers some specialized workplace fellowships, many of which require specific training or experience (e.g., language ability). These posts offer a wonderful opportunity to live in another country and culture while gaining valuable work experience. Workplace fellowships, however, provide less vacation time and generally require longer hours than English teaching positions. All positions provide salary, housing, and airfare in some cases.

Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

8-9 positions with highly regarded international non-government organizations (INGO) involved in community development. All positions are located at the country or regional offices and provide an excellent exposure to international development work. Duties include project-related fieldwork, grant proposal writing, and some administrative work. Some in-country travel is required. In most cases, language experience is not required. Applicants must have excellent interpersonal communication skills and be comfortable working with little supervision. Strong writing skills, grant development experience, and some prior experience working with a non-profit organization are strongly preferred. Previous living experience in a developing country is preferred but not required. Housing, vacation time, and salary are provided. Starting dates for the NGO positions range from July to September.

Public Health: Positions in Vietnam (Hanoi) with major international NGOs focusing on public health projects such as reproductive health, maternal and child health care, nutrition, and HIV/AIDS prevention. NGOs have a strong preference for fellows with experience in the fields of public health and family planning. Applicants need strong writing, research and training skills. Vietnamese language is desired, but is not essential.

Capacity-Building: Position in Thailand (Bangkok) with a global non-profit organization that identifies and invests in social entrepreneurs who are working to achieve progress in health, education, environmental protection, human rights, civic participation and economic development. The fellow serves as the assistant to the country director and provides support for the selection process of grant recipients, to include interviewing candidates and writing supporting materials. Fellowship is based in Bangkok with travel around the country.

Reproductive Health: position in Laos (Vientiane) with a major NGO specializing in AIDS prevention and family planning. Responsibilities include: writing/producing a monthly newsletter, developing technical and financial proposals to fund existing or new health programs, writing narrative and financial reports on project activities for donors and producing the annual report. Candidate needs excellent writing skills and some experience with desktop publishing.

Business Fellowships

Finance: Position in Thailand (Bangkok) with the world’s largest international insurance/consumer finance company. The fellow is the only expatriate working in the company and will be involved in various sides of the business, to include credit analysis, marketing, financial controls, and information systems, and will also work with staff on their English. The compensation package includes airfare, a local salary, and housing subsidy. An added bonus of the position is the opportunity to be mentored by top executives. Fellows spend a week training in the corporate offices in the U.S. and leave in late July.

Adventure Travel Company: Position with Beijing-based boutique travel agency specializing in tours to remote areas of China. Fellow will help with marketing and PR, developing training manuals for tour guides and web development. Salary is modest, but there will be numerous opportunities to travel. Previous experience living in China and proficient Mandarin required. Position begins in September.

Chiang Mai Rock Climbing: 1 position with a Chiang Mai-based rock climbing school and guide service founded by a former PiA fellow. In addition to the usual guiding activities, this young company is engaged in educational programs for high school students and community outreach. The PiA fellow will be involved in marketing and coordinating school educational tours, program development, writing grant proposals, web site maintenance, with some opportunities for teaching climbing and leading student groups. The office is staffed mostly by locals and business is conducted mainly in Thai. Strong writing skills, Wilderness First Responder certification, and a
commitment to learning Thai is necessary. Rock climbing experience is helpful but applicants need not be climbing experts. The fellow will also need to get an international drivers license.

Media Positions

**Vietnam**: Position with local English language newspaper in Hanoi. Duties consist of copy-editing with the possibility of small writing assignments. This fellowship is a great way to observe newspaper production in a foreign country. Hanoi is considered one of the gems of Asia — French colonial architecture, tree-lined streets, a thriving arts and cultural scene, and the best café society east of Paris. No foreign language ability is needed; however, journalism experience is required. Housing and a livable salary are provided. Starting dates range from July to September.

**Korea**: Position with English-language newspaper in Seoul. Duties include researching articles, fact checking, copy editing, and some writing assignments. Fellow should have some journalism experience and be a self-starter willing to come up with story ideas. Korean-language ability is useful, but not required. Position begins in September.

Law

Paralegal position for a major American law firm in China (Shanghai) with a practice that is evenly balanced between representation of foreign companies directly investing in China and representation of Chinese enterprises in a variety of international matters, including public offerings of securities, international lending transactions, foreign commercial litigation, and regulatory administrative proceedings. This position requires a minimum of four years of Mandarin (or equivalent language experience). Compensation package includes a very generous local salary, housing allowance, and airfare. Position begins in August.