



Visiting Scholars Program 2018 - 2019

Purpose

The Oberlin Shansi Visiting Scholars Program supports visits by faculty and academic staff from Syiah Kuala University to Oberlin College. The purpose of the program is to promote mutual learning and exchange between Oberlin College and Syiah Kuala University and to enrich the experiences of the faculty and the students at both institutions. The program also aims to contribute to the development of the Visiting Scholar's teaching and research. Visits should be planned carefully with specific objectives in mind, while taking into account the nature and purpose of Syiah Kuala University and of Oberlin College.

Oberlin College

Oberlin is a four-year, highly selective liberal arts college and conservatory of music with a comprehensive curriculum that includes sciences, social sciences, and humanities. No graduate programs are offered at Oberlin except in Music. Academic majors include:

Comparative American Studies, Anthropology, Art, Art History, Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Classics, Computer Science, East Asian Studies, Economics, English Literature, Environmental Studies, Geology, History, Languages, Comparative Literature, Mathematics, Music, Neuroscience, Philosophy, Physics, Politics, Psychology, Religion, and Sociology.

To understand the liberal arts education that is offered at Oberlin, please review the description of Oberlin College academics (<http://new.oberlin.edu/arts-and-sciences/>). The Oberlin College Course Catalogue (<http://catalog.oberlin.edu/index.php> or for an alternative, easier to use version, try <https://oprestissimo.com/>) can give you a sense of the range of courses offered in your area. Please note that the current year catalogue is what is online now, so some of these courses may not be offered next year, and some different courses will be included. To understand the material that is available in the Oberlin College library, the library web site is at (<http://www.oberlin.edu/library/>).

All prospective applicants to the Visiting Scholar Program are invited to contact and meet with the Oberlin Shansi Fellows who are teaching at the Syiah Kuala University Language Center (Pusat Bahasa). The current Fellows are Julia Skrovan and Peter D'Auria. You are also encouraged to contact some of the nearly 25 Syiah Kuala alumni of this program as well. Names and contact information are available from The Office of International Affairs and the Language Center.

Please do NOT contact Oberlin College faculty members by e-mail until you have been accepted to the Visiting Scholar Program.

Oberlin Shansi

Oberlin Shansi is a non-profit organization that promotes understanding and communication between Asians and Americans through individual and group educational programs and community projects. These projects aim to help participants make constructive and useful contributions to Asian and American institutions, programs and communities.

Shansi is one of the oldest international educational exchange programs in the United States. It maintains partnerships with Oberlin College and institutions in China, India, Indonesia, and Japan. Oberlin Shansi provides exchange opportunities at three levels for participants from both sides of the Pacific: postgraduate fellowships, faculty and staff exchanges between universities in Asia and Oberlin College, and individual and group study undergraduate grants to Asia. In addition, Oberlin Shansi presents and supports campus lectures, workshops, and performances related to Asian or Asian-American themes.

Oberlin Shansi Visiting Scholar Program

The Visiting Scholars are given an opportunity to concentrate on two areas: 1) to learn about American-style education; and 2) to do research in his/her field of academic interest. The Visiting Scholars may work in one or both of these areas during their time at Oberlin. You must explain your interests on the application.

This program offers Syiah Kuala faculty and staff the opportunity to observe new and different ways to present academic material and conduct classes. We hope that this knowledge will benefit the Visiting Scholars professionally and personally, and will help them contribute to pedagogy at Syiah Kuala. In addition, the Scholars have a chance to familiarize themselves with the Oberlin College Library, the College's Center for Information Technology, and other academic units within the College. Based on the interests and opportunities available, Scholars may be able to engage in community and non-profit work in the Oberlin area, and become a part of the academic and student life on campus.

The Visiting Scholars can also increase their depth of knowledge by doing research in their academic field. The Scholars may gather materials for specific research projects and to write scholarly papers. If a Scholar's research interests match the research interests of Oberlin faculty, the Scholar may be matched with an Oberlin College faculty or staff member.

The Visiting Scholars are invited to participate in this program either in the fall semester that begins in early September and ends in mid December, or the spring semester that begins in early February and ends in late May.

General Terms of the Award

Oberlin Shansi provides medical insurance, international transportation including expenses related to acquiring a U.S. visa, and housing at Shansi House. Oberlin Shansi provides a total award of \$4,000 for one complete semester (prorated for those who are in Oberlin for less than a semester). This award covers international travel to Oberlin, housing in Shansi House, a stipend for food and incidentals, funds for domestic travel in the US, and medical insurance during the Fellowship. Specifically, the award is disbursed as follows:

- \$2,000 on arrival for living expenses (no receipts required.)

The balance will be available upon presentation of receipts for:

- Up to \$750 for attending an academic conference
- Up to \$750 for general travel in the US
- Up to \$300 for purchase of books
- Up to \$200 baggage fees and for mailing materials to the home institution

Health insurance coverage is provided within the limits of the Oberlin Shansi-purchased policy in effect at the time for the individual scholar only. Applicants are required to present the physical exam form with their applications. Costs to acquire a US visa, including application fees and travel to Jakarta for a visa interview, will be reimbursed by Oberlin Shansi.

The time to be spent in Oberlin is determined by Oberlin Shansi based on the plans presented in the application. No support is available for long-term residence at colleges or universities other than Oberlin College.

This award is given to assist the Visiting Scholar in advancing academic and teaching work and understanding of the United States. The Visiting Scholars are expected to be in residence at Oberlin College for their time in the U.S. No additional funds will be provided.

The ultimate decision will be based on the suitability and relevance of the applicant's professional needs and the availability of faculty and staff at Oberlin College who can work with the applicant.

Family members are not encouraged to join the Visiting Scholars in Oberlin and will not be supported by Oberlin Shansi. If family members join the visiting scholars, the scholars will be responsible for all additional expenses and Shansi staff will not make arrangements for them. No insurance coverage is provided for dependents.

Application Procedure

In the accompanying application, interested scholars will present an outline of their intended course work and/or research interests while they are at Oberlin. Their outline will identify which courses offered at Oberlin are directly relevant to their fields of teaching and which they intend to follow and/or how they plan to carry out their research.

To take full advantage of this opportunity, the level of English must be outstanding.

- 1) Application forms are available from the Language Center and the Office of International Affairs at Syiah Kuala University.
- 2) Completed applications are to be submitted to Faisal Mustafa in the Language Center by April 9, 2018.
- 3) Appropriate institutional representatives of Oberlin Shansi will conduct on-site or Skype interviews in April 2018.
- 4) Notification will be made by May 15, 2018.

If you have questions, please contact:

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