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**DISCIPLINES**

The area studies requirement is broadly interpreted; fellowships have been awarded in fields as diverse as political science, sociology, art history, linguistics, law, environmental science, urban planning, ethnomusicology, and evolutionary biology.

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- Dozens of MSU doctoral students have received DDRA fellowships received DDRA fellowships, with nearly 40 grantees in the last 10 years.
- Publication date of Notice Inviting Applicants and deadlines can vary from year to year.

**BENEFITS**

- Round trip international airfare
- Monthly maintenance allowance for grantee (and eligible dependents if any)
- Project allowance for research-related expenses
- Supplemental health and accident insurance

**ELIGIBILITY**

- US citizen
- PhD student in modern foreign languages or area studies
- ABD by the time the grant begins
- Proficiency in the language(s) adequate to carry out the project

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