

2014

- **1. About our Support to Students**

about our Scholarships and Awards

In support of student volunteerism, the Square and Circle Club's Engagement Internship program awards stipends to San Francisco State University Asian American studies students volunteering 100 hours to local organizations. The purpose of these stipends is to support student volunteerism and service in the Asian American community.

- **2. Apply for a AAS 688 Community Service Internship Stipend**

Asian American Community Service Internship Stipends

for AAS 688 Students

Funded by the

Square and Circle Club Civic Engagement Internship Program

The Square and Circle Club Civic Engagement Internship Program is pleased to offer a total of \$1,000 in stipends for Spring 2015 SFSU students enrolled in AAS 688. The purpose of these stipends is to support student volunteerism and service in the Asian American community. Please note the following stipulations:

1. Interns must be full-time SFSU students (7+ units); preference will be given to AAS majors, minors, and MA students.
2. Interns must have completed at least one Asian American studies course.
3. Interns must be enrolled in AAS 688 with upper division or graduate standing, and under the supervision of an AAS faculty.
4. The internship must be for a minimum of 100 hours (i.e., 3 units).
5. The internship must be with an off-campus Asian American organization that has a mission to serve the Asian American community and has a 501(c)3 not-for-profit status (if the organization does not have this documentation on file, the student is responsible for obtaining a photocopy of the latter from the organization).

6. Only one internship stipend per community organization per semester.
7. Stipend checks will be issued by Square and Circle Club upon completion of AAS 688 and the internship.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Please click [here](#) for the application. Attach to the application: a completed AAS 688 Enrollment Form, an updated DPR (Degree Progress Report), and if applicable, the organization's 501(c)3 form.

Application Deadline: February 9 (Monday), 4:00 p.m. – submit to the office of the AAS Department (EP 103).

*Students are responsible for finding their own AAS 688 community internships. The following are examples of Asian American community organizations where past AAS students have interned (not-for-profit status of organizations to be verified): Asian Health Services, Asian Pacific Islander Wellness Center, Chinese Culture Center, Diasporic Vietnamese Artists Network (DVAN), Filipino Community Center, Manilatown Heritage Foundation, Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC), NICOS Health Coalition, South East Asian Cultural Heritage & Musical Performing Arts (SEACHAMPA), and the Square and Circle Club. Please consult with an AAS faculty for more possibilities.

Past Awardees of the AAS 688 Community Service Internship Stipend

● 3. Square and Circle's Club Civic Engagement Internship Awardees



In support of student volunteerism, the Square and Circle Club's Engagement Internship program is pleased to award a stipend to students Dennis Nguyen and Eileen Sinn. Both students will be volunteering 100 hours to local organizations. Dennis Nguyen, a masters student in Asian American Studies, will be volunteering with the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation, an organization working to preserve Angel Island as a historic site. Dennis will be updating the Immigrant voices website project and will assist with the office's community programs. Eileen Sinn, an undergraduate in anthropology, will receive a stipend to volunteer at the Southeast Asian Cultural Heritage & Performing Arts (SEACHAMPA), an organization focused on arts and culture of Southeast Asia. Eileen will be volunteering to create promotional video documentations for all events, fundraisers, and other activities.

● 4. About the Whang Family

Ms. Gail Whang, a third-generation Korean American and a second-generation San Francisco State University alumna, graduated from the University in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Creative Arts with a Music emphasis. Ms. Whang was an educator for over thirty years where she taught in multilingual, multiethnic schools and became the Director of Student Services with the Oakland Unified School District. She was a leader in school restructuring and curriculum innovations as well as a conflict resolution trainer.

Ms. Denise Whang Woo was a student at SFSU where she studied Asian American history for two years. She worked in the banking industry as a finance professional. While working, she volunteered at Asian American community centers where she taught finances to Asian immigrants.

Ron Whang is also a second-generation San Francisco State University alumna and, following in his father's footsteps, graduated from the University in 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Recreation. Mr. Whang worked at the Recreation Center for the Handicapped upon graduation and then joined the Peace Corps in the Fiji Islands. He worked for the Federal Government upon returning to the US.

● 5. Paul Pando Whang Memorial Fellowship



Mr. Paul Pando Whang's wife, Ruth Whang, and his three children, Gail, Denise, and Ron Whang, are establishing the Paul Whang Memorial Fellowship Endowment in his memory. Paul Whang was one of the University's first Korean American graduates. Born and raised in San Francisco, Paul Whang was the son of minister, Whang San Sun, at the Korean Methodist Church on Powell Street.

He graduated from the University, then known as San Francisco State in 1939 with a baccalaureate degree in Physical Education and a Junior High School Teaching Credential. At a time when racial discriminatory practices were the norm, Paul Whang faced setbacks in his dreams of becoming a teacher. After service in the US Navy and many other jobs, he passed the Civil Service Exam and began a career at the Chinese Playground in San Francisco. For over 30 years, he served the youth of San Francisco's Chinatown as Director at the Chinese Playground and the Chinese Recreation Center. With immigrant parents working

long hours and youth gangs rampant in Chinatown, Paul Whang served as a surrogate parent to many youth visiting their homes and encouraging them to stay in school.



In honor of Paul Whang's dedication to helping youth, the Paul Whang Memorial Fellowship Endowment shall encourage and provide support to college students interested in working with low-income youth in Asian American communities. [If you would like to contribute to this endowment fellowship, please click here. \(link is external\)](#)



Felix Wong at the chow line



Ken Yee, Paul Whang, Norman Jang

You may also support our department with a donation by check or money order. Please specify the Paul Whang Memorial Fellowship & mail your check to the address below.

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Make checks payable to "The University Corp, SF State/AAS"

- **5. Regine Gabis awarded the Irene Poon Scholarship**



Regine Gabis is the recipient of the Irene Poon Scholarship. The Irene Poon scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who has completed Asian American studies courses (including history) and who is committed to volunteering with the AAS/TACT (The Association of Chinese Teachers) Biography Curriculum Project. The AAS/TACT project is focused on the creation of a national online database of Asian American classroom curriculum for K-12 teachers. After graduating with an Asian American Studies degree, Regine plans to intern for an Asian American community organization and obtain her nursing degree. Regine hopes to use both degrees in Asian American Studies and nursing to help the impoverished Asian community in the San Francisco Bay Area and in Southeast Asia.

- **6. Nikkei Pilgrimage to Angel Island**





With support from the San Francisco State University Edison Uno Institute, 130 undergraduate students, including 15 volunteers, from SFSU's Asian American Studies courses attended the first ever Nikkei Pilgrimage to Angel Island held on October 4. Presented by the Nichi-Bei Foundation, and in partnership with the National Japanese American Historical Society, and the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation, the program aimed to bring to light the forgotten history of the over 85,000 Japanese and Japanese Americans who first set foot on the continental U.S. on the shores of Angel Island. Students from Professor Ben Kobashigawa, Assistant Professor Christen Sasaki, and Instructors Betty Kano, Kei Fisher, and Dean Adachi's Asian American Studies classes were treated to a program that included a talk on the

Japanese American experience by Judy Yung, and a guided genealogical workshop hosted by the California Genealogical Society.
