

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

# CULTIVATING EARLY CAREER NETWORKS BETWEEN GLOBAL ASIAs AND JAPAN STUDIES

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023



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The Global Asias Initiative (GAI) at Pennsylvania State University, in conjunction with Japan Foundation, New York (JFNY), is conducting a three-year project aimed at kickstarting a network of junior scholars between the US and Japan who are working under the conceptual rubric of Global Asias. The goal of this three-year project is to begin building a community of scholars who are working at the intersections of Japan Studies and Global Asias approaches.

Global Asias approaches often become necessary when the assumptions of area studies or national frameworks become constrictive. Global Asias projects might focalize questions concerning migration, identity, Indigeneity, and displacement. They may question governing disciplinary practices or scholarly conventions. Perhaps they challenge existing orthodoxies of how we study Asia in relation to its multiple diasporas. We welcome diversely conceptualized projects that explore the possibilities and limits of using Global Asias as a method to cross-pollinate knowledge across field and disciplinary borders.

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

This early career mentoring program will be co-directed by Charlotte Eubanks and Tina Chen. We will meet virtually four times between January-August 2024 and program participation will involve 1) regular attendance at virtual sessions (Jan/Mar/May/August 2024); 2) readings and some individual writing; 3) collaborative work with other participants; and 4) contribution to the products (Global Asias 7 conference roundtable, Verge publication, or both) that team members decide on as project outcomes.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Participants selected for this program should be based in either the U.S. or Japan; be within 5 years of receiving their PhD or ABD graduate students; and be available/committed to all of the participation requirements listed above. If selected, participants will receive a subscription to *Verge: Studies in Global Asias*; financial assistance to attend the Global Asias 7 conference (spring 2025); and sustained editorial and professional mentorship from the co-directors.





## APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested participants should prepare the following materials and submit their application materials by Friday, October 27, 2023 via this google form: <https://bit.ly/3EIoDLi>

- An application statement (750-1000 words) explaining your research interests and why/how Global Asias helps you to accomplish your scholarly goals for your work
- 2 page CV
- List of 5-6 keywords that speak to your research in ways that open it to Global Asias approaches
- A writing sample (less than 12,000 words)
- A mentoring needs statement

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