

FIRST THINGS FIRST

The Jackson School of International Studies (JSIS) houses many academic programs; the Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies (REECAS) program in the Ellison Center is one of them. The variety of programs provides a wealth of resources, including colloquia and symposia which bring in outside speakers. We hope you will take advantage of them while you are here.

Thomson Hall is the home of the Jackson School. In the Ellison Center office, you will find Ellison Center Associate Director Philip Lyon, and Program Coordinator Mark Di Virgilio. Be sure to check out the postings on bulletin boards in this area and to subscribe to the REECAS graduate email list, for valuable program and career information.

You have a mailbox in the Graduate Reading Room, Thomson 311, as well as in the Ellison Center, Thomson 203. Check both regularly for materials not received via e-mail. Aside from being a good place to study or to meet other students, the Graduate Reading Room, Thomson 311, features 5 computers and a small kitchen with a refrigerator and microwave. A more fully-equipped Computer Lab is located in the basement of Thomson Hall. (See page 13 for more information.) Your UW student card is your “key” to the graduate reading room and the computer lab. Be sure to take your card to Mark Haslam, the Jackson School computer specialist in Thomson 407, so that he can activate it.

Academic Services is in Thomson 111. Check the bulletin boards just outside the door and across the hall for information on visiting speakers, film series, etc. You can pick up information about relevant course offerings for upcoming quarters from the shelves against the wall. One of the Academic Services staff members or either of the student assistants can assign you a locker, which you may retain as long as you are here, if you renew it each spring.

GENERAL ADVISING

For technical advice on procedures and requirements, contact Paula Milligan (milligan@uw.edu), the Graduate Program Adviser (GPA). You may make appointments with her or for quick questions, stop in during drop-in hours. There are approximately 150 JSIS graduate students, so you may need to remind her of your name and the program in which you are enrolled. Paula’s appointment calendar is online: <http://tinyurl.com/paulacalendar>; her office is in Thomson 116. **You should meet with her at least once a year.** It is particularly important to meet with Paula prior to registering for your last quarter, to make sure that you have met all requirements and to review graduation procedures.

Professor Scott Radnitz (srad@uw.edu) is the Chair of the REECAS program, Director of the Ellison Center, and the Graduate Program Coordinator (GPC). In the latter role, he will serve as your faculty adviser for the coordination and approval of your program as a whole. You should meet with the GPC at least twice a year to review your course of study and may contact him any time that you are thinking about making changes in your plan. As you review the program requirements and guidelines, you will find that some actions on your part need formal approval from the GPC. This approval should be in writing and will be placed in your file in JSIS Academic Services.

If you find yourself struggling academically, we strongly advise you to meet with the GPC and/or the GPA as soon as possible to discuss your options.

The REECAS Chair/GPC will meet with all entering graduate students at the beginning of your first year to discuss your plans of study. He will then assign an appropriate REECAS faculty “mentor” to each first-year MA student based on your regional and topical interests. These mentors will meet with their assigned graduate students at least quarterly, and more frequently when specific needs arise. Feel free to discuss your research interests as well as career goals.

You should regularly seek academic advice on your fields of interest from appropriate members of the REECAS faculty. By the spring of your first year in the program, you should establish a Thesis Supervisory Committee of at least two faculty. The Chair of your committee should have expertise in your major/concentration, while the other member should represent your minor.

GUIDELINES

Familiarize yourself with the *Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies Program Requirements for a Master of Arts in International Studies* and the *General Graduate School Requirements for a Master’s Degree*. REECAS requirements are designed to meet Graduate School requirements, but you must satisfy both sets of requirements to graduate.

Language Requirements:

All REECAS graduate students must complete four years of language study following one of the options detailed in the REECAS requirements. Two years should have been completed prior to entry.

There is a proficiency requirement, so languages learned before starting the program can fulfill part or all of the language requirement. This can be documented through transcripts from other colleges or by taking a proficiency test. To arrange for a proficiency test, you must contact the appropriate language department (Germanics, Near Eastern Languages and Civilization, Romance Languages and Literature, Scandinavian Studies, or Slavic Languages and Literature). Should it be determined that you have met a language requirement, written documentation should be given to the GPA for your file. If you are hoping to test out of a language requirement, take the test as early as possible, and certainly in time to allow for additional language study if needed. Keep in mind that Russian and other Slavic language standards at UW are more advanced than at most other institutions.

The language you choose should have relevance to your geographical area of focus and be approved by the GPC. Those focusing on Russia must complete four years of Russian. Those focusing on Eastern Europe, Central Asia or another region of the former Soviet Union can complete four years of one language relevant to their area of focus when possible or two years each of two languages, at least one of which must be relevant to the area of focus. Remember, 2 years should have been completed prior to beginning the program. Consult the GPC if you have any questions about the relevance of a particular language.

Your goal should be to obtain the highest proficiency possible in your language(s), irrespective of the minimum required. If you have already fulfilled the program requirements, you should consider continuing that language or beginning another. It is important to acquire a usable reading knowledge of your language(s) early for utilization in your other graduate courses and your thesis. Any serious graduate seminar will expect you to do research in the language of the area on which it focuses.

If the language(s) you want are not offered regularly or if you are already beyond the highest level offered and wish to improve your reading and translating ability, you may acquire your language(s) through *Independent Study* by enrolling in summer language courses at other accredited institutions in this country or overseas, or by applying for a Less Commonly Taught Language Tutorial (applications due each January). Usually *Independent Study* is arranged through the appropriate language department. It may be possible, though, to work with an instructor outside of these departments or UW. Note that *Independent Study* cannot be used as a way to avoid taking regularly scheduled language classes. Independent or non-UW language study must be documented, but there is no need to transfer credits to the UW.

In an effort to ensure REECAS students have achieved a high level of proficiency, you will be tested by the relevant language department in speaking, writing, reading and listening comprehension at the end of the program. Please speak to the relevant language department about the specifics of language proficiency testing.

Required Core Courses:

JSIS A 504 (5 credits) should be taken Autumn Quarter of your first year, JSIS 511 (5 credits) in Spring Quarter of your first year and JSIS A 515 (2 credits) in Winter Quarter of your second year. A decimal grade is given for JSIS A 504, JSIS 511 and JSIS A 515; all of these courses normally meet once a week. Keep in mind when choosing your courses that all of these courses will involve substantial amounts of work (probably more than many 5 or 2 credit courses).

Other Course Work:

The University of Washington has academic resources covering Russia, East Europe, Central Asia, the Caucasus and the Baltic States. Generally, REECAS students focus on one of these regions, but arrangements can be made to study more than one of them, including the non-Russian regions of present day Russia.

In total, you must complete 25-30 credits divided between a major (minimum of 15) and a minor discipline (minimum of 10). Please note that completing the minimum credit requirements would leave you 5 credits short. The remaining credits may be taken in any relevant field (including major and minor fields) other than language study.

Major Discipline

You should choose your concentration in a discipline where there are enough regularly offered courses for you to acquire some real breadth and depth of knowledge. This would normally mean one of the following disciplines: history, economics, geography, political science or literature and culture. There is some flexibility, however, and relevant coursework can be found in many programs including Health Sciences, Law, Public Affairs and Communications. For example, if your interest is business, it makes sense to take some economics courses, a business course, and perhaps a course on resource management (geography). However, in all cases, you must consult the GPC before committing to a Discipline of Concentration, particularly if you wish to design your own.

Depending on the discipline, there may not be enough 500-level courses to fulfill the 9 credits

required at this level. The requirement can then be met through *Graduate Independent Study* credits (numbered 600 in all departments). For *Independent Study*, students make an agreement with a faculty member to do individual work. In some cases, the contract can include participation in and completion of the requirements for a 400-level course along with extra work to meet graduate standards.

Work in your area of concentration should be done principally under the supervision of a regular, full-time faculty member, not someone who is part-time or visiting. Usually, the chair of your Supervisory Committee serves in this role.

Minor Discipline

The disciplines appropriate for your minor are the same as those discussed above. The purpose of this requirement is to give you an interdisciplinary perspective on your geographical focus as well as to increase your breadth. Use these courses as an opportunity to expand your understanding of a region from a different perspective. As with your concentration, your choices should be made in consultation with the GPC. Where possible, you should attempt to do more than the minimum for your minor. Ten credits – typically, two courses – only provide limited exposure to field.

Human Subjects:

In order to protect the rights, well-being, and personal privacy of individuals, to assure a favorable climate for the conduct of scientific inquiry, and to protect the interests of the University of Washington, faculty and students must undergo an approval process for all research involving human beings. In JSIS A 514, students will complete an online Human Subjects training module to prepare them for the approval process that may be necessary for conducting interviews and other forms of research for their thesis.

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is defined as the use of creations, ideas or words of publicly available work without formally acknowledging the author or source through appropriate use of quotation marks, references and the like. Plagiarizing is presenting someone else's work as one's own original work or thought. This constitutes plagiarism whether it is intentional or unintentional. The University of Washington takes plagiarism very seriously. Plagiarism may lead to disciplinary action by the University against the student who submitted the work. Any student who is uncertain whether his or her use of the work of others constitutes plagiarism should consult the course instructor for guidance before formally submitting the course work involved. (Sources: [UW Graduate School Style Manual](#); [UW Bothell Catalog](#); [UW Student Conduct Code](#))

Academic Credit for Internships and Practica:

Students may take a JSIS 497 Internship for up to 5 credits of their degree (not counted toward their major or minor). They are required to find a faculty advisor and then work with the advisor to design an academic assignment associated with the internship. A student can take from 1-5 credits (each credit = 3 weekly hours of work on the job or on the related research topic) for paid or unpaid internships. <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=478-120>

For students interested in a more substantial professional experience we encourage the practicum option JSIS 602 Practicum. This 2-3 credit course (80-120 hours of work over the course of a

quarter) includes designing learning objectives and completion of a significant project or evaluation in line with the student's expertise and interests as well as a final write up and presentation about the experience. Whereas the internship option includes an academic assignment, the practicum deliverable should reflect professional work and be of use to the host site. Students must have an onsite advisor as well as a UW staff or faculty member who approves the practicum project with feedback from the onsite advisor. Students are encouraged to think creatively about applying their regional expertise to local projects. The practicum is Pass/Fail. More information about the practicum option and links to the required forms can be found on the REECAS website (<http://jsis.washington.edu/ellison/practicum/index.shtml>).

Oral Exam and Thesis:

Supervisory Committee

Your Supervisory Committee should consist of at least two faculty members, with the chair having expertise in your Discipline of Concentration and the other representing your Minor. The Chair and at least 50% of your Supervisory Committee must be Graduate Faculty (see <http://www.grad.washington.edu/gradfac/>). The REECAS program requires that the Chair of your Committee be REECAS faculty (See directory of this handbook on pages 23-24.)

Your Chair is your primary adviser for your thesis, and also may help you select courses. This committee should be established by the end of spring of the first year in the program. To do this, you will need to have the *Supervisory Committee Form* completed. The purpose of this form is to ensure that your choice of fields and faculty are acceptable to the GPC and that your committee members are willing to serve. This form requires the signatures of all your committee members as well as the GPC. When it is completed, make a copy for your records and then submit it to the GPA where it will be placed in your file.

The main purpose of this committee is to advise you while writing your thesis and act as your examiners when you defend it. Be sure to check with each member to ensure that they will be in Seattle when you need them.

Thesis

JSIS 511 and JSUS A 515 is devoted to thesis writing in a seminar context. The thesis can be an expanded version of a seminar paper or an *Independent Study* project. The thesis must be 30-35 pages (~8000 words) in length and of publishable quality on a subject of student's choosing and use primary sources in a REECAS-area language. If you wish to examine theses defended in the past, copies are available in the Ellison Center as well as in Suzzallo Library.

While your primary thesis adviser should be the chair of your Supervisory Committee, you should not forget to consult with the other member(s) of your committee. Do not assume that faculty will not be interested in your thesis simply because it is not in their area of expertise. Avoid surprises at the end by consulting with each committee member early and throughout the process.

You must register for at least 9 thesis credits (JSIS 700) in addition to the other program requirements. You do not have to register for all of them in one quarter and there is no limit on how many thesis credits you can take. In order to register for thesis credits, you must complete an *Application for Independent Study/Thesis Credits* form each quarter and obtain a signature from the chair of your Supervisory Committee. Submit this form to JSIS Academic Services to

get the instructor ID number you will need to register. If your Supervisory Committee Form is already on file, the GPA (Paula Milligan) can sign the form on behalf of your chair.

Oral Exam

You must successfully complete an oral exam. Before starting the exam process, you should make sure that your committee believes you are ready. It is REECAS policy that you complete your thesis within three months of the time that you take your exam. So while your thesis need not be completed prior to taking your exam, it will be important to demonstrate that you have made sufficient progress on it to satisfy this requirement.

This exam is given by all members of your committee and will take approximately 60-90 minutes. You will spend the majority of time answering questions on the thesis, but your committee members may also want to discuss material from your major and minor concentration areas. You should be sure to consult each member of your committee prior to the exam about what to expect and what to review in preparation.

Exam Procedures

Pick up the *REECAS Exam Scheduling Form* from Paula Milligan. Once you have set a time for your oral exam, you will need to obtain signatures on the form from each member of your committee. By signing it, they are indicating first that they feel you are ready for your exam and have made sufficient progress on your thesis to be able to finish it within three months, and second that they are available at the time set for the oral exam. Before signing this form, each committee member should have been given a chance by you to review the work you have done on your thesis. Once you have obtained all necessary signatures, give the form to the GPA and she will reserve a room for your oral exam and notify all concerned.

The GPA will prepare your file for your oral exam. Be sure to make an appointment with the GPA in the quarter before you plan to graduate to make sure that you are ready to complete the program, to review the procedures for finishing and to complete the REECAS Exit Evaluation.

APPLYING TO GRADUATE

To graduate, you must request the degree through the Graduate School's degree application website: <http://www.grad.washington.edu/stsv/mastapp.htm>. The application period commences the first day of the quarter of graduation. The department requires that you apply for your degree by the 6th Friday of the quarter, which is earlier than the deadline posted by the Graduate School.

The Graduate School will send you an e-mail confirmation of your application for Master's Degree and run a "Degree Audit," which will inform you of Graduate School requirements that must be met by the end of the quarter in which you graduate. The GPA will be notified of your application for the Master's Degree and will enter information detailing departmental requirements that must be met. This will generate an e-mail from the Graduate School to you informing you of departmental requirements.

If you do not finish in the quarter you applied to graduate, you will have to apply again. You must be registered for at least two credits in the quarter you graduate. In some special circumstances, you may graduate without being registered in the following quarter by paying a waiver fee of \$250. If you think you need to avail yourself of this opportunity, check with Paula Milligan about the circumstances that might make that an option. It is important for you to

maintain your status as a student until you graduate. To do this, you must be registered for every quarter except Summer Quarter, or be formally on leave.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES FOR GRADUATION

Thesis

“To graduate with a master’s (thesis program) ... degree at the University of Washington, graduate students are required to submit a thesis ... through the [UW Electronic Thesis/Dissertation \(ETD\) Administrator Site](#). Documents will be published by ProQuest/UMI Dissertation Publishing and made available on an open access basis through UW Libraries [ResearchWorks Service](#).”

(from www.grad.washington.edu/students/etd/info.shtml)

It is important to see the Graduate School’s guidelines for format of the thesis: <http://www.grad.washington.edu/students/etd/format-guidelines/index.shtml>.

For the Ellison Center copy, you will need to print a copy of the thesis, including the supervisory committee approval form (<http://www.grad.washington.edu/students/etd/thesis-approval-form.pdf>), and have it tape-bound with a clear front cover and a black back cover, usually by the Copy Center in the Communication Building. You will not be allowed to graduate until the Ellison Center receives it. Some of the copy services can also do this. It is important to have a copy of your thesis with original signatures for yourself.

Prior to your oral examination, YOU WILL NEED TO PREPARE AND PRINT THE “Master’s Supervisory Committee Approval Form” (see Graduate School page <http://www.grad.washington.edu/students/etd/info.shtml>) and take the form to the Oral Exam.

Your file will be given to your committee chairperson, who will bring it to the exam. Aside from providing a record of the work you have done in the program, your file will also contain your *Oral Exam Form* and your written exam. Following the successful completion of your oral, your *Oral Exam Form* will be signed by all members of your committee and kept in your file.

Your *Master’s Supervisory Committee Approval Form* is signed only after you have successfully completed your oral exam and your thesis. All members of your committee must sign your thesis as described on the Graduate School:

It is your responsibility to submit the thesis as directed by the Graduate School. Any *required* course work for which you have not yet received a grade will be reported to the Graduate School. When these grades are received, your degree will be awarded.

If your thesis is completed by the time of your oral, your *Warrant* should be signed at that point and given to the GPA with your file.

Timeline

As you can see, there are many steps in the final stages of your program. To make the process manageable for all involved, including faculty and staff as well as yourself, the following timeline has been established.

To graduate within a given quarter you are required to:

1. Submit to the GPA the completed and signed REECAS Exam Scheduling Form no later than

noon on the seventh Friday of the quarter in which you intend to graduate.

2. Review with all committee members what progress has been made on the thesis before asking them to sign the *REECAS Exam Scheduling Form*. Draft copies of whatever you have written on your thesis should be given to each committee member at least a week before they are expected to sign the form.
3. Submit a final draft of the thesis to all committee members three weeks before the end of the quarter in which you plan to graduate.
4. Take the oral exam.

If you fail to meet all of these deadlines, you may have to register for another quarter in order to graduate. Should you finish all required course work and need only to complete your thesis, you may want to consider going on leave until your thesis is nearing completion. In the quarter you return, you can register for JSIS 700/*Thesis*), reapply to graduate and take your exams if they are still required.

Waugh Thesis Prize

The REECAS program annually awards the Daniel C. Waugh Prize for the best REECAS MA thesis submitted in previous academic year. Thesis committee chairs are invited to nominate the theses they think worthy of this award by submitting a final draft of the thesis and a brief cover letter supporting the nomination by May 15th. Therefore, students should ***submit their final drafts by May 5th to be considered***. The winner will receive \$250 and a certificate of achievement at the JSIS convocation.

TIMELINE FOR THE FINAL QUARTER

BY END OF THIS
WEEK IN THE QTR*

LAST DAY TO:

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| 1 | submit rough draft of thesis to committee members |
| 6 | submit final draft of thesis to all committee members |
| 7 | submit <i>REECAS EXAM SCHEDULING FORM</i> to the GPA |
| 7 | apply to graduate through the Graduate School |
| 11 | a. take and pass the oral exam |
| | b. have <i>Thesis Approval Form</i> signed by all
committee members and submit it to the Graduate School |
| | c. submit copy of <i>Master's Supervisory Committee Approval Form</i> with
signatures to GPA |
| | d. submit thesis to the Graduate School |

If the quarter ends on a day other than Friday, then appropriate adjustments should be made. Adjustments will also have to be made for Summer Quarter, as it is two weeks shorter than all other quarters.

ON-LEAVE STATUS

The Graduate School's enrollment policy:

"Graduate students are required to maintain graduate status during their program of study. Failure to maintain this status requires reinstatement to the University of Washington. Students who desire to take a quarter or quarters off without going through the reinstatement process must apply for on-leave status for each quarter they do not register. For complete details regarding the on-leave policy, refer to [Graduate School Memorandum 9](http://www.grad.washington.edu/policies/general/leave.shtml)" (<http://www.grad.washington.edu/policies/general/leave.shtml>)

To go on leave, the approval of the GPC is required. Talk with the GPC prior to making plans to go on leave.

REGISTRATION AND PLANNING YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE

Registration for classes begins in the middle of the preceding quarter (e.g. middle of Autumn Quarter for Winter). REECAS booklets containing course descriptions for the upcoming quarter are available in Academic Services prior to each registration period. Course information also is available on the Program's website at <http://jsis.washington.edu/ellison/>; select *Courses* on the left bar and choose the appropriate quarter. As a continuing student, you will be eligible to register in the first Registration Period. Registering early will assure entry into classes you want. With the exception of some intensive language study, few classes on the REECA region are offered during the Summer Quarter.

TAKING COURSES OUTSIDE OF REQUIREMENTS

You may take courses that do not fulfill program requirements. Comparative study is encouraged, and classes that do not meet REECAS requirements may be useful. However, taking too many courses that do not apply to your degree could prevent you from completing the program within two years.

COURSES NOT TO TAKE

Do not register for any course numbered *499/Undergraduate Independent Study*; this will not count for graduate credit. *Graduate Independent Study* is usually numbered *600*. Several language courses will be numbered 499 and will be acceptable toward your language progress.

NUMBER OF CREDITS PER QUARTER

An average load per quarter for Jackson School graduate students is 12-15 credits, or 3-4 courses, depending on credits per course. In the second year, students may take fewer courses, as they begin to focus on the thesis. If you are receiving financial aid, or hold a scholarship or fellowship, or TA or RA position, you must carry at least 10 credits a quarter. International students must be registered for 10 credits in order to maintain their F-1 status.

You are not required to take a full course load every quarter, but taking a reduced load during your first Autumn Quarter, particularly, may put you at a competitive disadvantage for fellowship consideration. It is difficult for the fellowship committee to assess your scholastic performance if you have only taken a course or two. You are expected to finish your degree within two years. If you do not carry a full load in your first year, it may affect your ability to finish within two years.

LESS COMMONLY TAUGHT LANGUAGE (LCTL) TUTORIAL

In order to augment our offerings, REECAS has applied for continued funding from the US Department of Education to support LCTL/advanced language tutorials. Successful applicants will be provided with a tutor from the appropriate native-speaker community in the Puget Sound region, and a faculty member to oversee the tutorial, in order to provide necessary language skills. We will consider the following factors in making our decision: the importance of the tutorial for achieving students' professional/academic goals; the number of other students interested in the same language or language level; and the availability of appropriate native-language tutors. FLAS applicants will be automatically considered. For others, application materials will be made available in fall quarter and applications will be due in January.

STUDYING ABROAD

There are different types of study abroad. If the program is offered through an official UW exchange partner, then students must contact the International Programs and Exchanges office and register for "Foreign Study." When you return, your transcripts are evaluated and the courses are translated into equivalent UW courses. If there is no established program, then students will need to go on-leave for their study abroad. Please consult with Scott Radnitz, Paula Milligan and the IPE office for more information.

For study abroad during the first year of the REECAS MA program, students should talk with the Program Chair. Should you choose to study abroad during winter of your second year, you will need to submit your request to Philip Lyon by March 1 2015 for the following academic year. You should outline your reasons for wanting to study abroad, the courses you will take and the program you will attend.

You will still have to meet the requirements of JSIS 511 and JSIS A 515. Although you may be allowed to miss these courses physically, you will need to participate electronically in these courses. Your participation will keep you both on schedule as well as allow you to benefit from the peer review process. If your application is approved, you should speak with Philip Lyon about your assignments before your departure.

FELLOWSHIPS, FINANCIAL AID, INTERNSHIPS, PRACTICA AND JOBS

You can be considered for most fellowships offered through the Jackson School by applying for a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship. FLAS application procedures will be announced in October. The application is online, the deadline is usually January 15. Awards are made in mid-April for the following summer and/or academic year. Specific questions concerning FLAS should be addressed to the FLAS Coordinator Robyn Davis in JSIS Academic Services.

Faculty evaluations and grades earned at the UW are of particular importance to JSIS fellowship committees, so it is helpful to carry a full load of relevant courses and do well in them. It is important to make good progress toward your degree before applying, and you must continue this progress if you receive a JSIS fellowship.

From time to time, information concerning fellowships, internships, practica and jobs is sent via e-mail to all REECAS students. Various reference materials on these opportunities exist in the

Ellison Center as well as the JSIS Academic Services Office.

For information on need-based financial aid, check with the Financial Aid Office in Schmitz Hall. The website is <http://www.washington.edu/students/osfa/>. For information about scholarships available from the Jackson School for internships and practica visit: <http://jsis.washington.edu/career/scholarships.shtml>.

REECAS SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

H. Stewart Parker Endowed Fellowships:

The REECAS Program and the Department of Slavic Languages and Literature offer an annual H. Stewart Parker Endowed Fellowship to exceptional graduate students in the College of Arts & Sciences who are studying Slavic languages. Priority will be based on academic merit, with preference given to those studying Slavic languages on site abroad. *Two awards of up to \$2500 will be offered toward tuition, travel, books and fees.*

Applicants for the summer FLAS fellowship program for a Slavic language will automatically be considered for the Parker fellowship.

Boba Summer Research Fellowships:

The REECAS Program offers an annual **Boba Summer Research Fellowship** for exceptional, first-year REECAS students to travel to Eastern Europe or Central Asia the summer between the first and second year. This is an excellent opportunity, since only first year REECAS students will be able to apply. Priority will be given to those conducting research or holding internships in one of these regions, but participation in advanced language training in an accredited program will also be considered. *Two awards of up to \$1000 will be offered toward airfare or lodging.*

Ilse D. Cirtautas Travel Fellowship:

REECAS also offers the Cirtautas fellowship for undergraduate or graduate students from any UW program who are studying Central Asia or who have lived in Central Asia. It provides up to \$1,000 for travel to Central Asia or to attend a conference to present on the region.

To apply for the Boba or Cirtautas Fellowships, submit an application through the JSIS funding opportunities website next winter (see website for more details), explaining in essay form your travel plans and how these funds will assist you.

Please Note: One may not hold multiple language study fellowships, i.e. if you accept a FLAS or other foreign study fellowship, you are no longer eligible for the Parker, Cirtautas or Boba Fellowships.

LIBRARY

The University has a large library system housed in many different buildings across all three campuses (Seattle, Bothell and Tacoma), though most of the collections relevant to the REECAS areas are in the Suzzallo Library. There is a reference section on the ground level of Suzzallo Library. The Slavic and East European Section, directed by Michael Biggins (mbiggins@uw.edu), is available for additional reference help.

COMPUTER RESOURCES

The Jackson School Graduate Student Council (JSGC) has been successful on four occasions in applying for funds for computers and equipment. Thanks to these efforts, there are 9 workstations and two printers in the grad students' computer lab, and 5 computers in the

Graduate Reading Room. You may use the printers after paying a quarterly fee to JSGC for paper and supplies. Jackson School graduate students also may borrow one of the laptop computers. To check these out, or if you have any technical or software problems with the computers in either of the Jackson School computer labs, contact the Jackson School's computer specialist, Mark Haslam <jsishelp@u.washington.edu> (Thomson 407).

The University's Computing Resource Center is in Mary Gates Hall. Information about this and other computer labs can be found on the Web at <http://www.washington.edu/computing/compmap.html>.

These labs offer word processing, spreadsheet, database and graphics applications, and access to the Internet. The Center for Social Science Computation and Research (CSSCR) in Savery 110 offers consultation on computer services for social science students, which includes all JSIS students.

JACKSON SCHOOL GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

The Jackson School Graduate Student Council was formed to promote better communication among programs. Over the years, in addition to its success with funding equipment, JSGC has greatly improved the facilities in the Graduate Reading Room and organized several social gatherings for faculty and students in the whole school.

JSGC seeks representatives from each of the graduate programs to serve on this Council. The group meets periodically throughout the year.

JACKSON SCHOOL RESOURCES

The Jackson School's 14 degree programs, including Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, offer a wide range of talks and symposia featuring JSIS faculty members and guest speakers. Graduate students are encouraged to attend these events. Announcements are usually posted both in Thomson Hall and in the Jackson School Calendar of Events on the web at <http://jsis.washington.edu/calendar.html>. You will receive a weekly link to the site as changes are made.

Once you have established a UW e-mail account, be sure to e-mail reecas@uw.edu so that you will be added to the REECAS e-mail list. This will ensure that you receive announcements of jobs, fellowships, talks, courses and other events relevant to REECAS. Also, please visit the REECAS website at <http://jsis.washington.edu/ellison>.

RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN *and* CENTRAL ASIAN STUDIES FACULTY *(also be found on the Ellison Center website)*

JOSE ALANIZ, Associate Professor, Slavic Languages and Literature

JAMES E. AUGEROT, Professor emeritus, Slavic Languages and Literature

BOJAN BELIC, Senior Lecturer, Slavic Languages and Literature

MICHAEL BIGGINS, Head, Slavic and East European section, Suzzallo Library and Affiliate Faculty

LAADA BILANIUK, Associate Professor, Anthropology and Adjunct, Linguistics

ZIBIGNIEW BOCHNIARZ, Senior Lecturer, Sustainable Development, Environmental Economics

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