

## U.S. Embassy SANAS Travel Award

The U.S. Embassy in Berne has generously agreed to fund the U.S. Embassy SANAS Travel Award in order to encourage cultural and academic exchanges between Switzerland and the United States. It is awarded to a student at a Swiss university with the strongest proposal for a one-week visit to the United States that may involve a combination of academic activities (e.g., conference visits, archival work, talks, etc.) or more general cultural experiences (e.g., visits to historical sites, museum tours, field trips, etc.). Students from the third year of their BA studies, MA students, and PhD candidates in American Literature and Culture may apply.

A panel composed of representatives from SANAS and the U.S. Embassy in Berne will select the winner of the award based on the following criteria: rationale for the visit plan as it relates to the applicant's field of study/research, justification for visiting the U.S., and future application of learnings from the visit.

The award funds travel to, from, and within the United States, a daily allowance that is designed to cover food and accommodation, and possibly conference/library/institutional fees for a maximum of seven days. The award is dependent upon the availability of funding from the U.S. Embassy and awards are not necessarily made every year. The winner may extend the stay in the U.S. at his/her own expense, in accordance with applicable visa regulations.

The winner will be announced at the SANAS AGM in November.

All recipients of a U.S. Embassy SANAS Travel Award must submit a 500-1,000 word report on their visit within two months of their return to Switzerland. These reports will be published in the SANAS Newsletter.

**Deadline for applications:** Applications must be postmarked **June 15**.

**Submission:** The completed application form and letter of recommendation, appropriately signed, should be e-mailed together in one PDF file to Professor Philipp Schweighauser, SANAS President ([ph.schweighauser@unibas.ch](mailto:ph.schweighauser@unibas.ch)).

## U.S. Embassy SANAS Travel Award: Application Form

**PART A** (to be completed by applicant, please provide all information below, not on separate sheets)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

PROPOSED ITINERARY AND ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES:

Date	Place	Activity/-ies

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED ITINERARY AND ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S.  
(500 words maximum):

FUTURE APPLICATIONS OF LEARNINGS FROM THE VISIT & CAREER  
PLAN (500 words maximum):

CURRICULUM VITAE (please cut and paste here):

DECLARATION: I confirm that in the event I am offered the SANAS Travel Award, I will make myself available to travel to the United States of America, to undertake the activities mentioned in the "PROPOSED ITINERARY AND ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES," to complete such tasks as may be required of me by the Embassy of the United States in Switzerland during that period of travel, and to submit a written report about my experience for submission to the U.S. Embassy and subsequent publication in the SANAS Newsletter. I understand that the cost of travel to, from, and within the United States and a daily allowance for a maximum of seven days will be supported under the terms of the Award but that I am responsible for all other costs. To the best of my knowledge, there is no reason why I should not enter the United States with a tourist visa.

Place and Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## **U.S. Embassy SANAS Travel Award: Letter of Recommendation**

**PART B** (to be completed by a SANAS member)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

STATEMENT OF NOMINATION (500 words maximum): please include comment on the following: why this candidate presents an appropriate case for the receipt of this particular award; why the proposed itinerary and activities deserve to be funded; and in what ways the award would benefit the future career of this candidate.

Place and Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_