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CHINA

AT A GLANCE

- The MacArthur Foundation has awarded more than \$20 million for conservation, rule of law, and peace and security projects in China since 1978.
- In an effort to help reduce the dangers posed by weapons of mass destruction, the Foundation has made grants totaling more than \$1 million to provide training and research opportunities for Chinese technical security experts.
- Since 1991, MacArthur has 27 grants totaling nearly \$3.5 million to help protect the forests of Yunnan Province.
- Through a partnership with the Critical Ecosystems Partnership Fund, MacArthur has invested \$6 million in conservation efforts to protect the mountains of southwest China.
- In 2006, the Foundation began to explore grantmaking opportunities to China-based institutions providing training to lawyers in the context of broader Chinese legal reforms.

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation is a private, independent grant-making institution based in Chicago, Illinois, with offices in Mexico, Nigeria, Russia and India. One of the nation's ten largest private philanthropic foundations, MacArthur has awarded more than \$3 billion in grants since it began operations in 1978. The

Foundation is dedicated to helping groups and individuals foster lasting improvement in the human condition. Through the support it provides, the Foundation fosters the development of knowledge, nurtures individual creativity, strengthens institutions, helps improve public policy, and provides information to the public, primarily through support for public interest media.

MacArthur's grantmaking in China includes support to national organizations as well as others based outside of China that carry out a large portion of their work in the country. Overall, the Foundation has contributed \$20 million to conservation, rule of law, and peace and security projects related to China.

The following is an overview of MacArthur's grantmaking related to China.

WHAT WE FUND

International Peace and Security

The Foundation has long sought to promote international peace and security by helping to reduce the dangers posed by the development, stockpiling, and proliferation of the world's most destructive weapons. In that context, the Foundation has made several grants in recent years totaling more than \$1 million to organizations in China to provide training and research opportunities for Chinese technical security specialists. Dozens of research projects are now under way, including those that focus on new lines of inquiry into nuclear proliferation to non-state actors, bio-security, and the dangers of weaponizing space.

Conservation and Sustainable Development

The first conservation grants to China were made in 1991 to protect the forests of Yunnan Province, with nearly \$3.5 million in 27 grants provided to date. Four Foundation grants are currently active in this remote region of extraordinary biodiversity and natural beauty. Through its partnership with the Critical Eco-systems Partnership Fund—an international initiative designed to advance conservation of the earth's most vulnerable ecosystems—an additional \$6 million has been invested for conservation work in the mountains of southwest China.

MacArthur also supports conservation work in China through the Energy Foundation, which it co-founded in 1992 with the Rockefeller Foundation

and the Pew Charitable Trusts. The Energy Foundation launched The China Sustainable Energy Program in 1992, which supports China's policy efforts to increase energy efficiency and to develop sources of renewable energy.

Rule of Law

In 2006, the Foundation began to explore grants to China-based institutions working to train lawyers in the context of broader Chinese legal reforms. Legal reform became a government priority in China in the 1990s with legislation for improving and professionalizing the legal system. There is much to be done, and the flight of the country's few existing lawyers to urban centers has left a deficit in rural areas. It is hoped that training legal aid lawyers and paralegals will help to fill this gap.

REPRESENTATIVE GRANTS

International Peace and Security

BEIHANG UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ASTRONAUTICS
Beijing, China
\$92,000 in support of technical research on space debris and other risks to spacecraft and satellites (over two years).

THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTION
Washington, D.C.
\$600,000 in support of research and convening activities in the United States, China, Japan, and India to maintain peace and security in Asia (over two years).

CHINA ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ASSOCIATION
Beijing, China
\$100,000 in support of policy research on efforts to control and limit the spread of biological weapons (over two years).

CHINA ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ASSOCIATION
Beijing, China
\$225,000 in support of policy research and engagement on problems of arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament (over three years).

CHINA FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL AND STRATEGIC STUDIES
Beijing, China
\$100,000 in support of research by Chinese technical and policy experts on non-state proliferation networks (over two years).

INSTITUTE OF APPLIED PHYSICS AND COMPUTATIONAL MATHEMATICS
Beijing, China
\$250,000 in support of technical discussions between scientists from China, the United States, and other countries on major security issues (over three years).

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN
FOREIGN POLICY

New York, New York

\$250,000 in support of international dialogues on East Asian security, including the North Korean nuclear crisis, U.S.–China relations with special emphasis on Taiwan, and the future of U.S. alliances with Japan and South Korea (over two years).

PEKING UNIVERSITY SCHOOL
OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES,
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM

Beijing, China

\$150,000 in support of training and research on science and security issues in the International Security Program (over two years).

TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE
OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Beijing, China

\$120,000 in support of the journal “Science of International Politics” (over two years).

TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Beijing, China

\$250,000 in support of training and research on science and security issues in the Arms Control Program (over three years).

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA FOUNDATION

Athens, Georgia

\$250,000 in support of training and workshops in partnership with the China Arms Control and Disarmament Association (over two years).

**Conservation and Sustainable
Development**

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
San Francisco, California

\$225,000 to undertake biodiversity surveys of the Gaoligong Mountain Range in collaboration with Chinese partner agencies in Yunnan Province (over three years).

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF
NEW YORK, CENTER FOR UNITED
STATES-CHINA ARTS EXCHANGE

New York, New York

\$400,000 to strengthen the management and conservation capacity of Gaoligongshan National Nature Reserve in Yunnan Province (over three years).

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, INSTITUTE FOR
THE ENVIRONMENT

Stanford, California

\$350,000 in support of a demonstration project that applies benefit-cost analytical tools to ecosystem management and ecosystem services at the landscape scale in three test sites in Africa, China, and California (over three years).

WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE

Washington, D.C.

\$145,000 to develop guidelines for good environmental governance to assist the processes and institutions involved in decision making in Yunnan Province, China (over two years).

Rule of Law

CHINA UNIVERSITY OF POLITICAL
SCIENCE AND LAW

Beijing, China

\$60,000 in support of a nationwide *ICC Moot Court Competition*.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA

New York, New York

\$400,000 in support of general operations (over two years).

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES TO JUSTICE

Geneva, Switzerland

\$300,000 in support of the China Legal Defenders Program (over three years).

TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

Beijing, China

\$115,000 in support of training in basic legal knowledge for legal workers in judicial offices and village activists in rural areas.

Other

AMBRICA PRODUCTIONS
New York, New York
\$100,000 in support of a documentary about China's transformation from a planned to a market economy.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY
–GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
Berkeley, California
\$300,000 in support of a project to facilitate greater online information flow from China to China observers and scholars and other English-speaking audiences (over two years).

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE
Irvine, California
\$250,000 in support of research on changing age structure in China.

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