Financial support is available for US-based graduate students to participate in an NSF-funded mountain glacier workshop to be held in China, September 13-22, 2006. The workshop is an outgrowth of two INQUA-sponsored working groups, and is focused on assessment of mountain glacier chronologies and their implications for paleoclimate reconstruction and landscape dynamics. The workshop will include three days of working sessions in Xining, and a five-day road traverse of the Tibetan Plateau to Lhasa. Full details of the workshop can be found in the “Meetings and Workshops” section of the project website at:

http://geology.isu.edu/INQUA_project/

We invite US-based graduate students participating in any aspect of mountain glacier research to apply for this support. Funding is available for several graduate students to participate in the workshop, including full workshop costs from Beijing onward ($1000) and partial US-China airfare subsidy ($1000 of ca. $1500 airfare).

The student funding includes:
- airfare from Beijing to Xining, and return to Beijing from Lhasa
- lodging and most meals in Xining and on the traverse to Lhasa
- ground transportation via minibus for local Xining field trip and Plateau traverse to Lhasa
- partial airfare cost from US to Beijing

Students will need to raise funds from their home university or other sources for the balance of the overseas airfare, incidental expenses, and in-transit lodging in Beijing if necessary.

To apply for support, please review the project website and write a brief letter describing your graduate research and discussing how attendance at this workshop will enhance your graduate education. Submit that letter and a brief CV by February 21 to Glenn Thackray <thacglen@isu.edu>.

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