

**North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources Bulletin**  
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To: Japanese and East Asian Studies Faculty and Librarians

From: Michael Bourdaghs, University of Chicago and Mari Nakahara, Library of Congress, MVS Co-chairs, Keiko Yokota-Carter, NCC Chair, and Victoria Bestor, NCC Executive Director

Re: Revisions to MVS Guidelines from 2010-11 to aid smaller institutions (EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY)

Since 1992 the NCC has offered grants for the purchase of expensive multi-volume sets of Japanese resources through grants from the Japan-US Friendship Commission with the support of the Japan Publications Trading Company, Ltd. At NCC's Third Decade (3-D) Conference recommendations were made to change MVS application policies to make MVS more affordable for smaller institutions. The Japan-US Friendship Commission approved the following changes to the NCC's Multi-Volume Sets Project at their September 14, 2010 Meeting.

Aware that in the current economic crisis many institutions are suffering major cutbacks in acquisitions funding especially for special collections, NCC is initiating a new two-tiered system for MVS Grants. The goal of this revised policy is to provide an immediate infusion of resources by cutting the cost-share percentage and handling fees for institutions with smaller Japanese language acquisitions budgets. Further details on these new provisions are found below and on the MVS Website.

- 1) NCC strongly encourages MVS applications from smaller and less well-endowed institutions by: a) allocating up to 40% of MVS funds to institutions with Japanese materials budgets of less than \$10,000 for the current year; b) qualified institutions may apply with a reduced MVS cost share of 20%; and c) the full shipping and handling costs for such grantees will be covered.
- 2) As always, MVS funds only expensive sets with a purchase price of more than ¥100,000 (minimum cost share of \$200). For 2001-11 sets must have been fully published before the end of 2008.
- 3) All other MVS criteria remain, including: requirements for strong local support by letters from faculty, library administrators and technical services; demonstration of local need among faculty and students; extensive searching of online lists (OCLC) to determine that proposed sets are not otherwise held in the US; use of MVS's fully online application process; as well as speedy cataloging and ILL circulations freely throughout the US in accordance with their institution's regular ILL fees.
- 4) MVS qualified materials include print, microform, and formats such as CD-rom, VHS, or DVD for which the vendor provides written permission for the full national circulation of those materials via interlibrary loan. Second hand materials may be funded providing they are in a condition to fully circulate via ILL.
- 5) Major institutions (those with annual acquisitions budgets of more than \$10,000) will continue to compete under MVS's existing guidelines and will be able to apply for at least 60% of the funding available each year. In addition, any portion of the 40% earmarked for small institutions that is not granted in any year may support applications from larger institutions.
- 6) As posted on the MVS Webpage and in the AAS Newsletter MVS's 2010-11 deadlines are November 1, 2010 for MVS Application Prescreening (via email, and optional) and January 14, 2011 for final online applications. Notification of MVS grants will be made by March 1, 2011, and all materials funded for 2011 must be cataloged by June 30, 2011.
- 7) For further information about MVS and its application criteria, please visit the MVS Webpage at :

<http://www.nccjapan.org/mvs.html>