

In attending the three-year retreat, I will also be making a major life change by leaving my work in academia to focus more intensively on Dharma practice in the later part of my life. While I have some sense of possibilities for livelihood after the retreat, I don't have a work situation lined up at present. That being the case, the more of my personal savings that I can set aside to live on during the post-retreat transition, the more financially secure my situation will be at that time. My current savings amounts to about \$46,000, which is slightly under the cost of the retreat plus the requisite bank balance for requesting a French visa. I am prepared to use all of this to attend the retreat, if necessary. I will also be setting up a GoFundMe account to invite donations from sangha members who wish to support my retreat. Up until this point I have refrained from soliciting financial support from my friends, family, and sangha, both because my retreat application had not been officially accepted and because I had not announced my retreat plans. I can rely on money from my parents in the last event, but support in the form of a scholarship both grants me the dignity of greater autonomy and enables me to reserve any familial inheritance for life after the retreat. Any family funding saved as a result of support from the Tsadra Foundation might also be used to support development projects at Rangjung Yeshe Gomde California.