

American Short-term Study in China Initiative

Scholarship Description:

The American Short-term Study in China Initiative (ASSCI) is offered by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States in cooperation with the American Council on Education (ACE) and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

ASSCI offers scholarships to students enrolled at American institutions with either pre-existing or newly developed study abroad programs in China. Funding proposals must be submitted by leading faculty or the director of study abroad office or an administrator of similar or higher rank at the American institution. The study abroad program must be a joint effort with a Chinese institution that is recognized by the China Scholarship Council (CSC). See <http://www.campuschina.org/universities/index.html> for a list of CSC institutions.

Scholarship Details:

ASSCI scholarships will cover the following expenses for each participating student:

- Tuition at the Chinese institution
- On campus accommodation
- Health insurance
- Monthly Stipend (CNY 2500 for undergrads; CNY 3000 for master's; CNY 3500 for doctoral students)

The scholarship does NOT cover:

- Tuition at the American institution
- International airfare
- China visa application fees

Scholarship Eligibility:

In order to be considered for this institutional award, programs must satisfy the following requirements:

- Program must be co-designed and co-taught with the Chinese partner institution, with at least 50% of the content delivered by the Chinese partner;
- Program must be offered for academic credit that is transferable to the American university
- Program must be no less than four weeks and no longer than one academic year;
- Program should have at least six registered students from the American institution.

Proposal Submission Guidelines:

The following proposal form is attached for information. For formal online application, please contact Ms. Sufe Li at lis@aascu.org or Ms. Yang Cancan at yangcancan@sino-education.org.

Proposals will be accepted through the year. Submitted proposals will be reviewed and rated by a committee comprising representatives from the Embassy, ACE, and AASCU. Once an American institution has received notification of its successful application, participating students will need to complete individual scholarship applications on the CSC website (www.campuschina.org).

The committee will use several criteria when reviewing applications.

- Clarity of learning goals, and the extent to which the activities of the program contribute to those goals
- Faculty leadership at the American institution
- The extent to which the program uses the resources of the Chinese partner, such as academic strengths, location in China, and connections outside the institution
- The extent to which the program involves students from the Chinese partner institution.

Proposal Form

1. Information of leading faculty:

- Name:
- Title:
- Email:
- Tel Number:
- Institution:
- College/Division:
- Department:
- Brief Bio:

Please touch on both professional expertise and international expertise, specifically related to China (less than 150 words).

2. Information of Director of Study abroad Programs

- Name:
- Title:
- Email:
- Tel Number:

3. Proposed Program – Basic Information

- Program Name:
- Program Chinese Name (if applicable):
- Chinese partner institution(s):
- Program location/Chinese city:
- Program dates:
- Anticipated frequency of the program (per year):
- Credits accepted:
- Academic level (UG/Grad):
- Number of participating students: ___ minimum, ___ maximum
- General Program Description:

Please touch on academic goals, content, level and language (less than 350 words)

4. Course Description

Course Title	Academic Goals and Activities	Teaching Faculty name(s) and institution(s)	Course Format (lecture, research, field trip studies)

Signatures for Approval

From US institutions:

Leading Faculty
Name in Print:
Title:

Department Chair/Dean
Name in Print:
Title:

Director of Study Abroad Programs
Name in Print:
Title:

From Chinese Partner institutions:

Leading Faculty
Name in Print:
Title:

Department Chair/Dean
Name in Print:
Title:

Director of the office which coordinates Study in China Programs
Name in Print:
Title: