

China and Central Texas: Building Cross-Cultural Bridges for the 21st Century Austin Community College 2009 Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program

The Austin Community College District (ACC) has requested grant support through the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program for an intensive four and one-half week Short-Term Seminar in the People's Republic of China in the summer of 2009. The objectives of the project are to enhance Chinese language and Chinese studies in high schools and colleges in the central Texas region through individual and collaborative efforts at curriculum and program development, including exchange programs for students and faculty. The project has been designed to meet these objectives by providing an opportunity for selected faculty and administrators to gain first hand knowledge and experience of the complexities and nuances of Chinese language, culture and politics through a multi-disciplinary approach that combines cultural and historic site visits with lectures and meetings with college faculty, government officials and business leaders in China. The project has also been designed to optimize the concrete results by incorporating guided workshops on curriculum and program development in to the pre-departure orientation and the post-seminar evaluation period.

Program Overview

The program includes three required parts:

April 25 & June 13, 2009: Pre-departure Workshop/Orientation at ACC in Austin, TX

July 8-August 9, 2009: 4 ½ Week Seminar in China (see itinerary)

September 26 & October 24, 2009: Post Seminar Workshops at ACC in Austin, TX

Application Deadline: February 27, 2009

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Application Procedure and Deadlines

Although the Fulbright-Hays GPA grant application for this program is still pending, we are soliciting participant applications due February 27, 2009 in order to offer the program in summer 2009. *Please be aware that the proposed seminar in China is contingent on grant funding approval.* Notification of participant selection will be sent as soon we are informed about the outcome of the grant application (expected notification date: March 2009).

Eligibility

Participation in this 2009 Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program is subject to eligibility criteria established for all Fulbright-Hays supported short-term programs. Those who have participated in a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad (GPA) or Seminars Abroad Program in 2007 or 2008 or who have already participated in four Fulbright-Hays GPA or Seminars Abroad Programs are NOT eligible. A maximum of 12 participants will be selected.

Applicant must be:

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Humanities, language arts, economics, social studies, or Chinese language teacher, librarian, or administrator at a central Texas high-school or college.

Selection Criteria

Criteria for selection of participants in this Fulbright-Hays GPA in China will be set in accordance with nondiscrimination, equal opportunity, and affirmative action policies at the Federal, State, and campus level. Participants will be selected based on the quality of the proposed curriculum and program projects, their likelihood of success in achieving the stated objectives based on previous performance and institutional support, and the potential impact of their proposal on enhancing learning and opportunities for faculty, students, colleges, and communities in the central Texas region.

Equal Opportunity Policy

Austin Community College, as an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, complies with all applicable federal and state laws regarding nondiscrimination and affirmative action, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Austin Community College is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination and equal opportunity for all persons regardless of race, sex, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, or Vietnam-era veteran status in employment, educational programs and activities, and admissions.

Cost and Expenses

The Fulbright-Hays grant will cover:

- International roundtrip airfare between Austin, TX and Beijing, China
- All travel within China
- All lodging and meal expenses in China

Cost for participants of \$250 will cover:

- Chinese visa processing
- Pre-departure orientation and workshop fees
- Post-seminar workshop fees

Additional Costs:

- Travel expenses for workshops and orientation
- Travel Abroad Health Insurance Policy
- Any medical expenses in China not covered by insurance
- Incidental expenses in China

Seminar in China Itinerary

Day One

Depart Austin, Texas for Beijing, China

Day Two

Arrive Beijing in late afternoon

Hotel in Beijing

Day Three

Visit Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City & Hutong Residential Area

Hotel in Beijing

Day Four

Excursion to the Great Wall and Ming Tombs

Hotel in Beijing

Day Five

Morning: Visit Chinese Ministry of Education for Briefing on Education in China and Challenges of Education in China

Afternoon: Field Study

Hotel in Beijing

Day Six

Morning: Beijing University of International Economics and Trade
Lecture and Discussion with faculty on China's Foreign Trade Issues
Afternoon: China state Planning Commission
Meetings on China's Overall Economic Situation and Challenges
Hotel in Beijing

Day Seven

Beijing University Lectures and Discussions:
Chinese Language and Culture
China's Recent Social and Economic Changes
China's Perception of the West and Modernization
Hotel in Beijing

Day Eight

Visit Temple of Heaven and Summer Palace
Field Study
Hotel in Beijing

Day Nine

Visit China's Modern Art Center: 798 Art Center
Field Study
Hotel in Beijing

Day Ten

Field Trip or Self Study
Overnight Soft-Bed Sleeping Train to Xian

Day Eleven

Arrive Xian in the morning
City Tour, Old City Wall and Shaangxi Provincial History Museum
Hotel in Xian

Day Twelve

Excursion to Terra-cotta Warriors Museum
Evening: Tang Style Opera with Dumpling Banquet
Hotel in Xian

Day Thirteen

Morning: Northwest University
Lecture and Discussion on Western China's Economic Development
Afternoon: Visit Xian High-Tech Development Zone
Hotel in Xian

Day Fourteen

Visit Local Village and Meet with Local Government Officials
Hotel in Xian

Day Fifteen

Field Study
Hotel in Xian

Day Sixteen

Fly to Nanjing
Hotel in Nanjing

Day Seventeen
City Tour
Hotel in Nanjing

Day Eighteen
University Lecture and Discussions on China's Modern History
Hotel in Nanjing

Day Nineteen
Field Study
Hotel in Nanjing

Day Twenty
Take Train to Suzhou
City Tour, Lingered Gardens and Cruise on Grand Canal
Hotel in Suzhou

Day Twenty-One
Drive to Hangzhou
Hotel in Hangzhou

Day Twenty-Two
Morning: Zhejiang University
Lecture and Meetings on Flourishing Private Business in Yangtze River Delta
Afternoon: Visit to Local Private Business
Hotel in Hangzhou

Day Twenty-Three
City Tour: Tiger-Running Fountain, Mountain Flying From Afar,
Lingyin Buddhist Temple, and West Lake
Hotel in Hangzhou

Day Twenty-Four
Drive to Shanghai
City Tour: Nanjing Road and The Bund
Evening: Boat Cruise on Huangpu River
Hotel in Shanghai

Day Twenty-Five
Visit Shanghai Museum and Old Town
Hotel in Shanghai

Day Twenty-Six
Morning: Fudan University
Lecture and Meeting with Prof. Shen Dingli on Sino-US Relations
Afternoon: Shanghai University
Lecture and Discussion on Societal Change in Metropolitan Cities
Hotel in Shanghai

Day Twenty-Seven
Field Study

Hotel in Shanghai

Day Twenty-Eight

Fly to Guangzhou
Hotel in Guangzhou

Day Twenty-Nine

Visit Local Businesses and meet with local business leaders
Discuss new economic challenges facing the Pearl River Delta area with rising labor costs and Chinese currency value
Hotel in Guangzhou

Day Thirty

Visit Dongguan City, the world's largest manufacture center for electronics, toys, shoes, clothes, etc.
Visit local businesses
Hotel in Guangzhou

Day Thirty-One

Morning; Train to Hong Kong
Afternoon: City Tour
Hotel in Hong Kong

Day Thirty-Two

Field Study
Hotel in Hong Kong

Day Thirty-Three

Fly from Hong Kong to Austin, Texas

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Submit all application documents to:

Fulbright-Hays GPA in China
ACC International Programs Office
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#512
Austin, TX 78752

More Information

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