



The National Consortium for Teaching about
Asia (NCTA) National Coordinating Site at
the University of Pittsburgh

2012 Residential Summer Study Program
**WINDOW ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN CHINA:
THE VIEW FROM HANGZHOU**
Application Checklist

This Packet Contains the Following Materials:

1. Program Description
2. China Program Application
3. Letter of Recommendation from Supervisor
4. Waiver and Release Agreement
5. Physician's Verification of Fitness for Travel

Deadlines for Submission:

January 9, 2012 (applications must arrive on or before this date):

- 4 copies of China Program Application (All sections, A-G, must be completed).
- 4 copies of Letter of Recommendation from Supervisor (in one sealed envelope).

February 20, 2012 (must arrive on or before this date):

- 1 copy of Acceptance Form
- 1 copy of Waiver and Release Agreement
- \$600 travel deposit (1/2 of \$1,200 due)

March 19, 2012:

- 1 copy of Physician's Verification of Fitness for Travel
- Second \$600 travel deposit
- Visa application

Please send all completed forms to:

National Consortium for Teaching about Asia
Asian Studies Center
University Center for International Studies
University of Pittsburgh
4400 Wesley W. Posvar Hall
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Tentative dates: July 8-22, 2012

Window on Economic Development in China: The View from Hangzhou



Zhejiang University Campus, Hangzhou, China

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2012 Residential Summer Study Program Information Packet

The NCTA National Coordinating Site at the University of Pittsburgh is organizing this residential summer program for its own teachers as well as those from four other NCTA national coordinating sites: Five College Center for East Asian Studies, Indiana University, University of Colorado and University of Washington. This program includes the following components in addition to the time spent in China: online orientation and

follow up, as well as written classroom implementation plans. The program is supported by a grant from The Freeman Foundation.

A selection committee will choose twenty (20) teachers for the program; there are eight (8) spots for alumni of NCTA seminars in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Delaware and Maryland. There are three (3) spots for each of the other NCTA coordinating sites mentioned above. Dr. Kristin Stapleton, Associate Professor of History and Director of the Asian Studies Program at the University at Buffalo, will serve as the program's director in China. The residential program will be administered by the National Coordinating Site at the University of Pittsburgh.

The 2012 Residential Program is described below. Applicants with questions about the program should contact Dr. Diana Marston Wood at the University of Pittsburgh Tel: (412) 648-7411; Email: dmwood@pitt.edu.

Program Goals

Window on Economic Development in China: The View from Hangzhou

For much of history, China's economy has been among the most productive in the world. Intensive agriculture spread across the region in the first millennium of the Common Era, supporting the development of sophisticated handicraft production, extensive trade networks, and urbanization. Although eclipsed for two centuries by the earliest industrial economies of the modern era, in recent years the Chinese economy has once more astounded the world.

This 2012 Residential Study Program will explore aspects of Chinese history and cultures with a particular focus on economic development over the long run and in recent decades. Among the topics we will examine are 1) the nature of the educational system in various periods of Chinese history and its relationship to the economy, 2) patterns of development in agriculture and industry and how government policy has shaped them, 3) the role of cities in the Chinese economy, and 4) tourism and the ways in which Chinese cultural institutions, such as Buddhist temples, have been affected by the tourist industry.

Hangzhou is an ideal base for this residential program. As a city, it grew because of its location on the Grand Canal (constructed during the Sui Dynasty) and served as the capital of the Southern Song (1127-1279). Its wealth and culture were celebrated in Marco Polo's *Travels* as well as many Chinese poems and essays. In recent centuries Hangzhou has been an important provincial capital, an educational and cultural hub, and a center of silk manufacture and tea production. China's recent industrial boom is evident all around Hangzhou, which is located just southwest of Shanghai, China's major industrial city and international port.

Hangzhou's Zhejiang University, ranked among China's top ten universities, will host this residential program. Teachers will live in double occupancy dorm rooms on the Zijingang campus and will eat their meals on campus with other students and scholars.

We anticipate that the mornings will be devoted to lectures and seminars provided by the Zhejiang University faculty as well as daily lessons in “survival Chinese.” Following the traditional one- to two-hour midday rest, the “xiuxi,” the University will provide field trips to such locations as a tea plantation and rural village. A major objective of this residential program is for teachers to become independent and capable of exploring Hangzhou singly or in small groups. While Zhejiang University is a considerable distance away from the large lake at the cultural center of the city, teachers will soon learn to navigate the extensive bus system of Hangzhou. At some point during the two-week program Zhejiang University will provide a tour to Shanghai and the canal town Wuzhen. Prior to departure teachers will select a focus area for their two-week study. This should allow them to efficiently pursue their interests while in Hangzhou, as well as contribute to their follow up classroom implementation plans.

Eligibility

Teachers who have completed all requirements of an NCTA seminar between spring, 2000 and spring, 2011 are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to applicants who have not traveled or studied in East Asia within the last five years.

All applicants should meet the following requirements:

- Teach about China as part of a formal teaching assignment.
- Be a minimum of 3 years from retirement
- Have a minimum of 2 years of teaching experience
- Meet the minimum medical/wellness expectations as outlined on the Physician’s Verification Form.

Teachers who have previously completed China study programs MAY APPLY. They will need to show in their applications that they have, in the years since their China experience, implemented impressive East Asian curricular reforms within their schools and have the potential for further contributions. Thus, the majority of the teachers in this residential program will be first-time visitors to China, but the selection committee will consider accepting some repeat China program teachers.

The deadline for receipt of complete applications at the University of Pittsburgh NCTA National Coordinating Site is **January 9, 2012**. Notification of acceptance will be on or before **February 6, 2012**.

Program Components

This China Program will involve NCTA alumni in online orientation and follow up activities along with substantial implementation efforts. Participants will also be expected to complete reading and other assignments throughout the program.

Program components include:

- During the spring of 2012 participants will be expected to participate actively in online discussions of required materials.
- The residential summer program in Hangzhou, China
- Online debriefing and follow up
- In the fall of 2012 each participant will submit a unit plan, series of lesson plans, or 3-page philosophical essay explaining how the program will impact her/his classroom in new ways.
- Pennsylvania teachers will receive Act 48 credit at the completion of this residential program. As requested, we will provide documentation in support of teachers in other states who can apply for professional development credits.

This program offers opportunities for participants to strike out on their own or in small groups; however, participants' spouses, family members, or friends cannot be accommodated during this program.

Participants who do not complete all program components and follow up obligations may be required to reimburse the University of Pittsburgh for any amounts that have been expended on their behalf, including up to \$250 in administrative fees. Due to the nature of this program, applicants must be physically able to travel without assistance and able to carry their own luggage for considerable distances.

All participants will be required to sign the Waiver and Release Agreement (a copy is enclosed for review). Anyone who is not comfortable with signing the waiver as presented is advised not to apply for the Residential Summer Program.

Program Expenses

The vast majority of program expenses will be covered by the Residential Summer Program, thanks to a grant from The Freeman Foundation. Participants must also contribute toward the overall program costs.

The following will be paid by the Residential Summer Program:

- Roundtrip airfare to China (including the domestic flights to point of international departure in the U.S.).
- Lodging, group meals, fees, domestic travel in China.
- Books, readings, and curriculum materials for all aspects of the Residential Summer Program.
- Visas for entrance into China.

The following expenses must be borne by participants:

- \$1,200 toward the total cost of individual participation. A deposit of \$600 is due February 20, 2012. The remaining \$600 is due March 19, 2012.
- Any additional cost such as ground transportation to home airport, substitute coverage, etc.
- Travel insurance.
- Overseas medical coverage (Most HMO plans do not cover international travel, and many insurance plans offer very limited coverage. Applicants should check with their health plans for particulars. Coverage is often available as part of a travel insurance policy. Participants will be asked to furnish proof of medical insurance and a travel policy that includes emergency medical evacuation insurance or to purchase a travel policy that includes medical insurance and emergency medical evacuation insurance.)
- Immunizations
- Personal travel supplies and daily personal purchases (such as bottled water and snacks; some meals; laundry, international phone calls, etc.) and personal travel during free time or beyond the dates of the study tour.
- Costs incurred by variation from the group airfare package, such as emergency return to the US or return to the US via a different route from the group package.
- All participants are required to purchase Emergency Medical Evacuation Insurance at their own expense (approximately \$50-\$100 depending on policy selected).
- Land transportation to and from the domestic departure city for the Program.

Selection Criteria

All applications will be reviewed by a selection committee and judged by the following criteria:

- Applicant's record in their NCTA seminar
- Commitment to the goals of the 2012 Residential Summer Program
- Potential for classroom implementation of program content
- Potential for instituting significant curricular change
- Professional experience
- Personal qualities and interpersonal skills

Timeline 2012

- January 9:** Application deadline for four hard copies of the application.
- February 6:** Acceptance notification.
- February 20:** Deadline for teachers' acceptance/rejection along with: \$600 deposit, and signed Waiver And Release Agreement form.
- March 19:** Deadline for \$600 balance of participant contribution, Physician's Verification of Fitness for Travel form, and completed Visa application (will be sent after acceptance to the Program).
- July 8-22** Residential Summer Program in China (dates tentative).
- Fall 2012** Online debriefing. Implementation projects are due at this time.



The Asian Studies Center
 University Center for International Studies
 University of Pittsburgh
 National Coordinating Site for
 The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia

Application

2012 Residential Summer Program: **Window on Economic Development
 in China: The View from Hangzhou**

Please type or write clearly. Essays and personal statements must be typed. Please put your name on the essays and personal statements.

Please send **4** copies of this Application (all sections, A-G, must be completed) by **January 9, 2012** to:

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A. Personal Data and Background Information

• Name _____

• Home Address _____

• Home Phone _____ Email _____

• School Name _____

• School Address _____

• School Phone _____ School Fax _____

• Have you traveled to East Asia before? ____ If yes, please explain.

- Please give the name of your NCTA Seminar Leader and the date and location of the seminar you attended (be sure to include the state).
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- Please list the name and telephone number of your emergency contact.
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B. Teaching Assignment. List all grade/course assignments for the current year as well as other responsibilities. Explain how many days are devoted to teaching about Japan, China, Korea, or other areas of Asia.

C. Academic Degrees. (List in reverse chronological order)

D. Leadership Experience. List any Asia-related professional development workshops, institutes, curriculum development, etc., including title, location, and years.

E. Personal Statements. A residential summer Program in China is a demanding experience that requires participants to balance their individual interests with the goals and itinerary set by a funded program. With this in mind, please answer the following questions:

Question 1 What has been/is your personal and professional involvement with other cultures and societies? (Your response should be typed and no longer than one page, single-spaced.)

Question 2 How will you deal with the following challenges in China? (Please type one paragraph per item.)

- Respecting the cultural norms
- Contributing positively to dynamics of the group
- Eating local foods, many of which are not identifiable
- Adhering to a schedule that requires punctuality and group cooperation
- Staying in double occupancy rooms with often basic accommodations

Question 3 Given the hot weather and extensive walking involved in this summer program, describe (as applicable) your weekly/daily exercise regimen in terms of the following: miles walked, miles run, strength training, flexibility classes, biking, other exercises?

Question 4 How have you used the information and resources you were given in the NCTA seminar you attended? Be specific about sources and relevant courses

Question 5 How will you use your residential summer experience to enhance your classroom teaching? Include in your answer clarification of your eligibility in terms of a minimum of two years teaching and commitment to three more years. (Your response should be typed and no longer than one page, single-spaced.)

F. Recommendation from your supervisor. Please use the attached form “Letter of Recommendation from Supervisor”

G. Terms of Agreement

I have carefully read the Program Overview and Application Packet for the Asian Studies Center's 2012 Residential Summer Program, July 8-22, and I have completed my application. If I am accepted into the program, I agree to all of the following:

- Pay a deposit of \$600 to the University of Pittsburgh by **February 20, 2012** and the remaining \$600 by **March 19, 2012** (these payments are non-refundable). I understand that I may be required to reimburse \$250 to the University if I do not complete all components of the program.
- Submit the signed Waiver and Release Agreement by **February 20, 2012**.
- Monitor closely all email communications, complete all assigned readings, and meet all requirements for the online orientation for the program
- Submit the signed Physician's Verification of Fitness for Travel Form and the completed Visa application by **March 19, 2012**.
- Assume responsibility and cost for all immunizations, travel insurance, emergency medical evacuation insurance, overseas health insurance, passport, and other required travel documents, by **March 19, 2012**.
- Attend the summer Study Program unaccompanied by family or friends.
- Conduct myself in a professional manner appropriate to the teaching profession.
- Participate in all scheduled parts of the Residential Summer Program in China, and remain in China until the completion of the program, except in the case of emergency.
- Obey the laws of the United States and the host country and refrain from engaging in any unauthorized activities, which in the consideration of the Director are inconsistent with the purpose and best interests of the Asian Studies Center of the University of Pittsburgh and the National Coordinating Site for the NCTA at the University of Pittsburgh.
- Participate in the online debriefing session (including presenting a unit plan, series of lesson plans, or essay).
- Enhance the study of China in my classroom and school district, upon my return from the Study Program.

Whereas, intending to be legally bound hereby, I voluntarily agree to fulfill the requirements delineated above.

Applicant's printed name _____

Applicant's signature _____

Date _____



Letter of Recommendation from Supervisor

2012 Residential Summer Program: **Window on Economic Development in China:
The View from Hangzhou**

Applicant's Name _____
(To be filled in by applicant)

The above person is an applicant for the 2012 Residential Summer Program "Window on Economic Development in China; The View from Hangzhou," which is organized by the University of Pittsburgh National Coordinating Site for The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia. A requirement of the program is that all participants work to strengthen and enrich their Japan, China, Korea, and Asia-related courses and disseminate to their colleagues information gained from the experience. Please address the applicant's ability to succeed in a group study program (with orientation and follow up components as well as time abroad) and to follow through on the obligations of the program. Please comment specifically on the applicant's initiative, self-discipline, interpersonal skills, teaching ability, professional leadership skills, and any other qualities you believe relevant to a review of this person's candidacy for the program.

Please be advised that if the applicant does not complete all parts of the program the school may be disqualified from participation in future NCTA programs and the teacher will be required to return \$250 to the University of Pittsburgh.

Please return to the applicant your original recommendation, three copies and this sheet all within one sealed envelope.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Supervisor's Name _____ Position _____

School _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

2012 RESIDENTIAL SUMMER PROGRAM
WAIVER AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

This is a legally binding release made by me, _____, to the University of Pittsburgh – of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education (the “University”). I acknowledge that this is a legal document and that the University, by providing this document to me, is advising me to seek the counsel of an attorney prior to signing this. In consideration for being permitted to participate in the University’s 2012 Residential Summer Program (“Program”), I hereby agree and represent as follows:

1. **RISKS OF PROGRAM**

A. I understand that while the University makes reasonable efforts to assure my safety while participating in the Program, there are unavoidable risks in foreign travel. I understand that there are risks and dangers to which I may be exposed by participating in the Program. These risks include, but are not limited to injury, monetary, and/or other losses resulting from: air and bus travel to and from foreign countries and travel within China; potential street crime (such as pick-pocketing and purse-snatching, particularly in crowded market areas and tourist attractions); hazardous driving, bicycling, and pedestrian conditions; widely varying quality in, and availability of, medical care that does not typically meet American standards; and criminal and civil due process protections less than the standards found in American law. I may also assume that baggage handling will be my responsibility and therefore should pack accordingly.

Other risks I assume include injury, monetary and/or other losses due to the delay, extension, or cancellation of the program due to natural disaster (including earthquakes), civil unrest, war, terrorist attack, medical quarantine, or any other disturbances or causes.

For further important information, I also acknowledge that the Department of State maintains “consular information sheets” that contain specific risks and warnings that may be viewed at http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1089.html and that I should check this site prior to signing this waiver and release and again prior to and during travel.

B. I understand that I am not required to participate in the Program, but I want to do so despite the risks and despite this Waiver and Release Agreement. Therefore, knowing the risks, I agree on behalf of myself, my family, heirs and personal representatives to assume all the risks and responsibilities in any way associated with my participation in the Program and in any independent activities undertaken during or in conjunction with the Program. **I, INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND, HEREBY RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE THE UNIVERSITY, ITS TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS FOR ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, COSTS AND ACTIONS THAT MAY ARISE FROM INJURY OR HARM TO ME (INCLUDING DEATH) OR FROM DAMAGE OR LOSS TO PROPERTY IN CONNECTION WITH MY PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE COVERS LIABILITY, CLAIMS, COSTS OR ACTIONS CAUSED ENTIRELY OR IN**

PART BY ANY ACTS OR FAILURE TO ACT OF THE UNIVERSITY (OR ITS TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS), INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO NEGLIGENCE, MISTAKE OR FAILURE TO SUPERVISE BY THE UNIVERSITY. I ALSO AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE UNIVERSITY HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DAMAGES, AND LOSSES INCURRED BY THE UNIVERSITY OR BROUGHT AGAINST THE UNIVERSITY BY THIRD PARTIES SEEKING RECOVERY FROM THE UNIVERSITY ARISING OUT OF ANY INJURY OR HARM TO ME AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

C. I RECOGNIZE THAT THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE MEANS I AM GIVING UP, AMONG OTHER THINGS, RIGHTS TO SUE THE UNIVERSITY FOR INJURIES, DAMAGES, OR LOSSES I MAY INCUR. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE BINDS MY HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSIGNS, AS WELL AS MYSELF.

2. HEALTH AND SAFETY

A. I have consulted with a medical doctor with regard to my personal medical needs and have received verification of my fitness for travel. There are no health-related reasons or problems which preclude my participation in the Program.

B. I have or will secure health insurance and medical evacuation insurance to provide adequate coverage for any injuries or illnesses that I may sustain while participating in the Program. By my signature below, I certify that I have confirmed that my health care coverage will adequately cover me while outside the United States, and hereby release the University, its Trustees, officers, employees and agents from any responsibility, liability or expenses for my injuries or illnesses (including death) occurring during and/or arising from the Program. I understand that health insurance coverage may not be immediately accepted in a foreign country and that I may be expected to front health costs through other means such as a credit card.

C. The University may, but is not obligated to, take any actions it considers to be warranted under the circumstances regarding my health and safety. I agree to pay all related expenses and release the University from any liability for any such actions. I further agree that the RELEASE in paragraph 1 above applies to this medical consent and authorization as well.

3. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. I agree that, should any provision or aspect of this Waiver and Release be found to be unenforceable, all remaining provisions of this Waiver and Release will remain in full force and effect.

B. I further understand that prior to the signing of this Waiver and Release, I have the right to consult with the physician, adviser, counselor, and/or attorney of my choice, and I acknowledge by reading and signing this that I have, within the body of this Waiver and Release, been advised to seek the advice of an attorney.

C. This Waiver and Release represents my complete understanding with the University concerning their responsibility and liability for my participation in the Program. It supersedes any previous or contemporaneous understandings and cannot be changed or amended in any way except in writing signed by the University.

D. This agreement is governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, without regard to its conflicts of laws principles, and any dispute relating to this agreement shall be brought in state or federal court in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. I also agree to personal jurisdiction in any court located in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, for the resolution of any dispute arising hereunder.

INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND, I have knowingly, voluntarily and willingly executed this Waiver and Release Agreement this ___ day of _____, _____.

Witness

Signature

Date

Date

National Consortium for Teaching About Asia
University of Pittsburgh National Coordinating Site
2012 Residential Summer Program
July 8-22, 2012

PHYSICIAN FORM
DOCTOR'S VERIFICATION OF FITNESS FOR TRAVEL

Dear Physician:

_____ has been selected to participate in a two week Residential Summer program in China, July 8-22, 2012.

There are aspects of this program that may cause emotional or physical health problems for some people. We are particularly concerned about those with high blood pressure, a history of heart disease, or people not accustomed to regular and strenuous physical exercise.

As you examine your patient, please give special consideration to any health conditions that might be affected by the following:

- *extremely* hot, humid weather conditions;
- the necessity of walking for 1-1.5 miles at a time;
- carrying one's own luggage for some distance;
- climbing and descending stairs;
- eating local foods
- adhering to an extremely full daily schedule.

Health issues that might cause risks for travelers on this program include, but are not limited to: diabetes, heart condition, high blood pressure, food allergies, compromised immune system, and/or knee problems. If you have reservations about your patient's fitness for this program, please *elaborate below*. Please also *discuss these thoroughly with your patient*.

(over)

In my opinion, this person is physically able to travel to China and participate fully in the NCTA 2012 China residential program.

(Please check) Yes No

Additional information.

Does this person need regular medication for any medical condition? _____. (If yes, we recommend that individuals bring a one-month supply of each medication in the original pharmacy bottle.)

NAME AND TITLE OF PHYSICIAN
(Please print)

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER () _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____ / _____ / _____
 month day year

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