

Tsinghua University and Tseng Hin Pei Charity Fund

Summer Service and Learning Program in Rural China

The Summer Service and Learning Program in Rural China (SSLP) was established by Tsinghua University in 2006. From 2006 to 2016 a total of 1,980 students and 336 faculty members from Tsinghua University and 969 international students and faculty members have been assigned to rural counties as part of the program.

Every summer, Tsinghua University recruit about 120 Tsinghua volunteers and 120 international volunteers who show a sincere commitment to voluntary work. Volunteers are to be dispatched in 20 teams and perform their service in 20 counties throughout various locations in rural China. Each team will consist of one Tsinghua teacher, five Tsinghua students and six non-Tsinghua volunteers. Volunteers can provide diversified services to the local students in those rural counties, including English teaching, culture lectures and intercultural communication exercises. Volunteers will convey a message of support and hope to locals. At the same time, “cultural immersion” will allow volunteers to actually participate in the daily life of a new culture throughout the whole program. New cultures and traditions await as the volunteers fill their days with new discoveries and rich experiences.

2017 Summer Service and Learning Program in Rural China

1. **Location:** Beijing and Various Rural Counties and Provinces throughout China
2. **Duration:** 3 weeks
3. **Dates:** July 9th (arrival to Beijing) through July 29th, 2017

4. Participation Requirements:

Gender Requirement: None

Language & Proficiency Requirement: English. There is no Chinese language requirement.

Required Experience: None but ideal candidates will have experience or interest in rural issues or development issues, as well as experience living in rural conditions (or camping) and/or experience in diverse cross-cultural teams or settings.

Major Requirement: None but preferred candidates are those with stated or intended academic interests in voluntary work or social work and/or Asian studies and/or languages.

Student Minimum Age: 16 years old

5. Program Description:

Tsinghua University’s Summer Service and Learning Program in Rural China groups American, British and other international students with Tsinghua students to teach English and/or provide culture lectures and intercultural communication exercises to local school students and teachers. Volunteers can prepare teaching plans and materials in relation to such things as English movies, stories, pictures and so forth. Or prepare some lectures to introduce your country, hometown, university and your experience to expand the locals’

horizon of the world. Team members and location assignments will be communicated to participants in May and students will be encouraged to learn as much as possible about their rural location county and province.



6.Registration Fee:

Participants are responsible for payment of the following items: a *non-refundable* registration fee **\$590** in US dollar, round-trip air travel to and from Beijing, appropriate health insurance for the duration of the program.

7.Housing & Lodging Information:

Tsinghua University will provide the basic transportation, housing and accommodation during the program in China. During orientation in Beijing, participants are housed at the Overseas Student Dormitory on the Tsinghua University campus. While completing the service learning projects in rural China, participants stay in local accommodations arranged by local schools. These would typically be student dormitories in rural schools. Accommodations are basic and spartan. Bedding, mosquito netting, and other basic necessities will be provided. WiFi is non-existent and internet availability unlikely.



Tsinghua dormitory



Rural dormitory



Rural dormitory

8. About the certificate

Volunteers who complete the program and submit the reflection are eligible to receive a certificate for the contribution to the program, issued by Tsinghua University.

9. Application:

Partner institutions and campus coordinators need to submit:

- a. Application form;
- b. Scanned copy of every participant's Mainland travel permit;
- c. Liability waiver agreement.

Individual applicants need to submit:

- a. An application form
- b. A scanned copy of Student Card or the transcript
- c. Liability waiver agreement.

After applicants get the confirmation from Tsinghua, please submit a scanned copy of Mainland travel permit, it will be used to buy the train tickets to rural sites, etc.

Closing date for applications: April 10th, 2017.

Emails need to be sent to the following individual:

Ms. JIAO Yiju (Daisy), Email: jiaoyiju@mail.tsinghua.edu.cn

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10. Program Schedule:

Before April 10th, Application Period;

April 20th to June 10th, Tsinghua University will send the guideline and instructions and team arrangements.

July 9th, volunteers arrive in Beijing;

July 29th, Program ends.