

Scholarships for Study Abroad in China - \$5,000 Business – Computer Science - Engineering

The Caterpillar Foundation - 100,000 Strong Initiative

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The Caterpillar Foundation selected Valparaiso University as a partner in their efforts to support the 100,000 Strong Initiative and to increase the number of U.S. students to study abroad in China. Valparaiso University will award ten \$5,000 scholarships, on behalf of the Caterpillar Foundation, for students studying abroad at the Valparaiso University Hangzhou, China Study Center in Fall 2013. Students selected for the scholarship will be considered for Caterpillar Talent Acquisition.

Award Amount: \$5,000 (Ten awards are available) towards the Fall 2013 Hangzhou, China Study Center to assist students with the travel and living expenses they will incur while studying abroad for a semester. Students will receive a check to cover meals and transportation/airfare.

Deadline for submission of completed applications: 3 p.m. January 30, 2013

Eligibility Requirements:

- Full-time undergraduate student at Valparaiso University studying business, computer science or engineering;
- Participate in the Fall 2013 Hangzhou, China Study Center;
- At least sophomore standing during the term of study abroad;
- Possess a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.8/4.0 when applying;
- U.S. citizen, permanent resident, temporary residents who have applied or been granted amnesty by USCIS, refugees or asylees, and able to establish employment eligibility under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

Valparaiso University strongly encourages applicants from:

- Students from diverse ethnic backgrounds;
- Students with low income and low-middle income categories designated by Federal Student Aid standards;
- First-generation college students;
- Students with the following majors: accounting, finance, marketing, mechanical engineering, electrical and computer engineering, and computer science.

Recipient Requirements:

- Once the scholarship is awarded, recipients are requested to submit a scholarship report form to Caterpillar Talent Acquisition;
- Contribute to the promotion of study abroad for the Office of International Programs upon return, such as helping with information meetings and orientations, participating in a study abroad fair and updating and revising a program handbook, and/or other ideas generated by the recipient.

General Information: Application packets are available through the Office of International Programs, which is located in the Gandhi-King Center for Diversity & Global Engagement, Harre Union (2nd Floor, Suite 209). Phone: 219.464.5333.

Applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee at the beginning of February. Recipients will be notified of the committee's decision on or by February 15.

For assistance, contact the Office of International Programs, Gandhi-King Center for Diversity & Global Engagement, Harre Union, 2nd Floor, Suite 209. Phone: 219.464.5333; Email: Julie.Maddox@valpo.edu.

About the 100,000 Strong Initiative:

The 100,000 Strong Initiative aims to increase the number of Americans who have the opportunity to study in China. Citing the strategic importance of the U.S. –China relationship, President Obama announced the Initiative in Shanghai in November 2009. The Initiative is designed to help educational institutions establish or expand China study programs. It also seeks to reach communities that are traditionally underrepresented in study abroad programs, including minority, community college, and high school students, as well as students in the science and technology fields and those pursuing advanced degrees in China studies. More information about the Initiative can be found at www.state.gov/100000strong.

About the Valpo Hangzhou, China Study Center:

Factsheet: <http://www.valpo.edu/studyabroad/assets/docs/hangzhoufactsheet.pdf>

Extended Brochure: <http://www.valpo.edu/studyabroad/assets/docs/LCCCbrochure.pdf>

The Program: is designed to provide students with a unique opportunity to learn the Chinese language and culture in the Hangzhou area under the guidance of a resident director. No previous Chinese language study is necessary to participate in the program. During the semester and as part of the program, the students will visit such cities as Shanghai, Nanjing, Beijing and Xi'an. The city of Hangzhou is a former dynastic capital located in the eastern province of Zhejiang about 2 hours by train from Shanghai. Its reputation as an attractive tourist destination has been immortalized by the Chinese proverb: "In heaven there is paradise, on earth there are Hangzhou and Suzhou."

The Course-work (13-16 credits): Participants of the Hangzhou Study Program will enroll in Chinese language courses at Zhejiang University, upon taking a placement exam, for a total of 10 credits, plus EAST 395: Chinese Cultural and Civilization for 3 credits and an optional 3 credit course offered by the resident director. (Five Chinese language credits may be audited, rather than taken for credit, as long as the student maintains a full course load otherwise.) Zhejiang University offers Chinese language courses at six different levels; students who have no prior exposure to the Chinese language can take the introductory classes, while those with some background in Chinese are encouraged to enroll in a more advanced class, after taking a placement exam.

- EAST 109/110 (10 cr.) Beginning Chinese I & II, or
- EAST 209/210 (10 cr.) Intermediate Chinese I & II, or
- EAST 309/310 (10 cr.) Advanced Chinese I & II, and
- EAST 395 (3 cr.) Chinese Culture and Civilization (required of all participants), and/or
- EAST 386 (1-4 cr.) Internship (for qualified students), and/or
- An additional 3 credit course offered by the Resident Director in his/her academic field, and/or
- An online course offered through Valpo or a pre-arranged independent study.
- *Participation in the program automatically fulfills the 3-credit Cultural Diversity requirement and a Christ College seminar requirement.*
- *International Business majors: participation automatically fulfills the study abroad requirement.*

The Costs: Students pay the same tuition and fees they would pay in Valparaiso. All VU study abroad programs are considered "in-residence," **so all financial aid and scholarships apply** (except work-study and some "on-campus" aid).

Small increases are anticipated for 2013-2014		Hangzhou, China	Valpo campus comparison
Fixed Costs	Tuition (Fin Aid & Scholarships apply)	\$15,585.00	\$15,585.00
	VU General Fee	\$540.00	\$540.00
	Room/Dorm fee	\$2,782.00	\$2,782.00
	Center Fee (Group trips & Excursions)	\$1,250.00	
	Subtotal (Billed through Valpo)	\$20,157.00	\$18,907.00
Estimated Costs (exchange rates included in calculations)	Meals	\$800.00	\$1,525.00
	Air Fare	\$1,200.00	
	Passport Book (If needed)	\$135.00	
	Student Visa	\$140.00	
	International ID card	\$25.00	
	Acceptance fee	\$50.00	
	Misc/Personal/Local Travel	\$700.00	\$820.00
	Books/supplies	\$50.00	\$600.00
	Subtotal (Out-of-pocket approx. expenses)	\$3,100.00	\$2,945.00
	Total (Fixed & Estimated Costs)	\$23,257.00	\$21,852.00
	TOTAL WITH SCHOLARSHIP	\$18,257.00	\$21,852.00
Optional add-on costs	Additional personal travel & misc.	\$1,000.00	
	Total (Fixed, Estimated, Extra Travel)	\$24,257.00	\$21,852.00
	TOTOAL WITH SCHOLARSHIP	\$19,257.00	\$21,852.00

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APPLICATION

(Please type or print)

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

Full Name:	Cell Phone:
	Email: @valpo.edu
Campus Address: (include city, state, zip)	
Home Address: (include city, state, zip)	
Major(s):	Minor(s), if applicable:
Cumulative GPA: Major GPA:	VU ID #:
Current class standing: Fresh <input type="checkbox"/> Soph <input type="checkbox"/> Jr <input type="checkbox"/> Sr <input type="checkbox"/>	Primary Academic Adviser:
Are you a full-time, undergraduate student? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Are you a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, temporary residents who have applied or been granted amnesty by USCIS, refugees or asylees, and able to establish employment eligibility under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Members of your family who have a four-year college degree (check all that apply): Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother <input type="checkbox"/> Grandfather <input type="checkbox"/> I will be the first <input type="checkbox"/>	
Have you applied to study abroad in the Hangzhou, China study program for fall 2013? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NOT YET, but I intend to submit an application by the February 15 deadline <input type="checkbox"/>	

II. RESUME OR ONE PAGE SUMMARY – In an attached résumé or one-page summary, please demonstrate your involvement on campus and in the community. Include: employment, membership in student organizations/clubs, executive board positions held, volunteer experience, philanthropic endeavors, fraternity, sorority, athletics, etc.

III. REFERENCES: Please list the name of the people you have given recommendation forms to complete. References must include at least one VU faculty member. Applicants are responsible for making sure the reference forms are turned in by the deadline.

Name: _____	Name: _____
Title: _____	Title: _____
Dept./Business: _____	Dept./Business: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____

IV. STATEMENTS: Please type responses to the following questions on a separate sheet and staple to this application.

- Tell us how the Caterpillar Foundation-100,000 Strong Scholarship will benefit you? Be sure to include any relevant details if you meet any of the preferred criteria.**
- Write a statement of willingness to provide service to the Office of International Programs in promoting study abroad programs. Give us some idea of the contributions you might make to this effort.**

To apply, please submit the following:

- € This application form;
- € Unofficial copy of your most recent Valpo transcript (or a print-out from DataVU);
- € Résumé or one-page summary of service, activities, interests, experience;
- € Statements;
- € References (two).

Submit your application to:
Office of International Programs
Harre Union 209
Valparaiso University
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Application Deadline: 3 p.m. January 30, 2013
Need assistance? Contact Julie.Maddox@valpo.edu
219.464.5333 (x7248)

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RECOMMENDATION FORM

(Please type or print)

To be completed by the applicant:

Applicant's Name _____ **Date:** _____

Type of Reference: Academic Personal

I agree, or I do not agree to waive my right of access to this reference form:

Name of Reference _____ **Position:** _____

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

The student named above is applying for the Valpo Hangzhou, China Study Program coordinated by the Office of International Programs. We would appreciate your assessment of the applicant's attributes with which you are familiar.

1. How long and under what circumstances have you known the applicant?

2. According to the following criteria, how would you rate the applicant?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unable to Evaluate
Academic Ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic Interest and Motivation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability/Integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level of Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adaptability in Facing New Situations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-Confidence and Self-Esteem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relates Well to Others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emotional Stability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open-Mindedness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability for Realistic Self-Appraisal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. If you were a resident director of an overseas academic program, would you be: (check one)

Eager Willing Reluctant to have the applicant participate?

4. Recommendation based primarily on: Coursework Some Personal Contact Significant Personal Contact

5. Please state frankly your opinion of this candidate's chances for success (both academic and non-academic) in this program.

Please include any additional comments or suggestions regarding the candidate that would be helpful for our faculty and staff (feel free to attach a separate sheet).

Your Name _____ Date _____

Phone Number (_____) _____

Address _____

Please return this form to: Office of International Programs, Harre Union, by 3 p.m. January 30, 2013
via email: Julie.maddox@valpo.edu, via fax at 219.464.6868, or via campus mail.