

# FAQ

## Summer Service and Learning Program in Rural China

July 08<sup>th</sup>--July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

Arrival time for SSLP is July 8<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are responsible for payment of a non-refundable £300 program registration fee, the round-trip air travel to and from Beijing and the health insurance. Tsinghua University will provide the accommodation, the subsidy for food, the transportation to the rural locations, the accidental insurance for all the volunteers during the program in China.

**Note:** Before the SSLP begins, Tsinghua University also provide an *optional* program “Cultural Learning and Communication Program (CLCP)”, from July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup>, will be held in Beijing, Xi'an and Zhengzhou. The charge for the CLCP is £500. The fee covers tuition, accommodation, and a subsidy for food.

### 1. Who can join this program?

Currently enrolled university students aged 18 to 35 years old, no specific major, can speak English, committed to voluntary work. No Chinese language requirement, each team has five Tsinghua students, they can be the translators.

### 2. What can you do for the rural students?

English native speakers usually will be ask to teach English to the rural kids or teachers, especially the oral skills. You can prepare teaching plans and materials in relation to such things as English movies, stories, pictures and so forth. Other volunteers like French, German, Russians can give some lectures introduce your country, hometown, university and your experience to expand the locals' horizon of the world. Tsinghua University will provide some samples of teaching materials as the reference, as well as a basic orientation on July 10<sup>th</sup> when you are at Tsinghua.

### 3. How about the team and the rural location?

Successful applicants will be randomly assigned into one of thirty teams. Each team will consist of one Tsinghua teacher, five Tsinghua students, five non-Tsinghua volunteers. Each team will go to one rural location. The 30 rural locations are in different provinces in China. Some are nearer to Beijing, while the others are not. The nearest locations are in Hebei Province, which takes 2 or 3 hours; but locations in Guizhou Province can take more than 30 hours by train. Tsinghua teammates will use your passport information to buy the train tickets to and from rural location in advance.

The team arrangements will be noticed in May. Get to know the place names and surrounding geographical features. Share and discuss the information with your teammates. You can find the geographic locations of the places you are going to on a Chinese map, using the internet or library. Try to search information about your

destination such as the climate, conditions, history and customs. For example, there is no tissue in the toilet and you should prepare by yourself before you use the toilet. Often, there is no WIFI in the rural areas in China.

Volunteers will be arranged to live in students' dormitory in rural schools. It is safe, but the condition of some rural locations may not be good. Some do not have air conditioners or independent bathrooms, but the schools in rural locations will try to offer the best living condition for our volunteers. They will prepare bedding and mosquito nets and other necessities.

#### 4. How about the fee?

Volunteers are responsible for payment of a non-refundable £300 program registration fee, the round-trip air travel to and from Beijing, as well as the visa fee and the health insurance. Tsinghua University provides the basic accommodation, food subsidy and transportation during the program. But this does not mean that the volunteers do not spend a penny. The following situation may need you to pay: you do not want to drink the boiled water and need to buy bottled water, dinner with your teammates outside the Tsinghua campus or in the rural location, shopping, some emergency and so on. It's recommended carrying at least \$150 pocket money. You can change it to RMB at the bank on Tsinghua campus.

#### 5. About the visa

Applicants need to submit the copy of the passport information page, Tsinghua will issue the invitation letter for applicants, you can use this letter to apply the visa at the nearest Chinese Embassy. Both "L" and "F" are accepted by this program.

#### 6. About the certificate

Volunteers who complete the whole program and submit their summary are eligible to receive a certificate for their contribution to the program, issued by the School of Continuing Education, Tsinghua University.

#### 7. After the program ends

After the service in rural location around July 26th, all the volunteers can make your own arrangements like travel or come back to Beijing to attend the closing ceremony. Tsinghua will not provide the accommodation from noon 12:00 on July 27th.

#### 8. How to apply or get more information?

Contact the program coordinator at Tsinghua to get the application form. Contact person: Ms. JIAO, email: [jiaoyiju@mail.tsinghua.edu.cn](mailto:jiaoyiju@mail.tsinghua.edu.cn)

Please note that the deadlines for application are: April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.tsinghuaafp.com>

***Look forward to your participation.***

## Cultural Learning and Communication Program Schedule, 2015



Forbidden City in Beijing



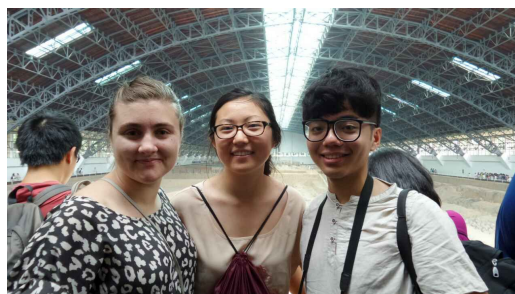
Group Picture



Kongfu



Chinese calligraphy



(Program will be held in Beijing City , Xi'an City, Zhengzhou City )

Date	Time	Content
Jul.1st, 2015	09:00-22:00	Arrival at Tsinghua University (Beijing) and checking in. Tsinghua teammates will pick up participants at the airport.
Jul.2nd 2015	10:00-10:30	Opening Ceremony, getting to know each other.
	10:40-11:40	Class: Getting to know Beijing City
	13:30-17:00	Cultural visit: Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City
Jul.3rd, 2015	08:30-09:30	Check out from Tsinghua and set out to the train station Note:Participants can leave some luggage at the Tsinghua teammates' dormitory. Please return the room card to the reception desk.

	17:30-18:30	Arrival in Xi'an
Jul.4th, 2015	10:00-16:30	Cultural visit: The Museum Of Emperor Qinshihuang's Terra-Cotta Warriors
	16:40-17:30	Discussion
Jul.5th, 2015	08:30-16:30	Cultural visit: Forest of Steles
	17:00-19:00	Check out and set out to the train station. Please return the room card to the reception desk.
Jul.6th, 2015	09:00 - 12:30	Arrival in Zhengzhou City. A brief introduction on Central Plains Culture and a visit to Zhengzhou University.
	14:30-16:30	A visit to Henan Museum.
Jul.7th, 2015	09:30 -17:00	A visit to Shaolin Temple .
	19:00 -20:30	Check out. Set out to the train station. Please return the room card to the reception desk.
Jul.8th, 2015	09:00 - 20:00	Arrival in Beijing. Check in at Tsinghua No.19 Zijing dormitory and register for the SSLP
	08:30-09:30	Check out and set out to the train station. Please return the room card to the reception desk.

*Note: details may be updated.*

## Summer Service and Learning Program Schedule, July 2015



**Rural dormitory**



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**Rural classroom**



**Rural classroom**

Date	Time	Content
Jul.8 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	08:00-20:00	Volunteers arrive at Tsinghua (Beijing) and check in. Note: Volunteers can contact with the Tsinghua team leader to arrange the pick-up from airport to Tsinghua.
Jul.9 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	9:00 – 10:00	Ice breaker Note: Tsinghua teammates should guide volunteers to the classroom
	10:30 – 11:00	Opening Ceremony Note: all the volunteers need to wear the SSLP T-shirt
	11:00 – 11:30	Group picture
	11:30 – 18:30	An optional tour of The Great Wall Note: The Great Wall tour will be arranged by Tsinghua University through a local tour agency. All costs (about 300RMB) for this optional tour must be paid by participants themselves. The 300 yuan includes the transportation, lunch, entrance ticket, English guide.
	13:30—15:30	The orientation for Tsinghua students
Jul.10 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	08:30-12:00	Lecture: How to Teach English in Rural China
	13:30-15:30	Lecture: Cross-cultural Communication
	15:45-17:00	Lecture: Sharing matters needing attention in rural areas
Jul.11 <sup>th</sup> , 2015		Departure to rural locations Note: Please return the key or room card to the reception desk. Transportation from Tsinghua to Beijing train station is arranged and paid for by team members themselves. The subway is about 5 yuan.
Jul.12 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 to July 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2015		Service and learning in rural locations
July 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	08:00 - 18:00	Arrival in Beijing from rural locations. Note: Transportation from Beijing train station to Tsinghua is arranged and paid for by team members themselves. The subway is about 5 yuan.
	18:30-21:00	Submission of program summary reports. Closing ceremony for the SSLP and Certificate Awards
July 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	07:30 – 12:00	Check out and departure for the airport. Note: Tsinghua will arrange one bus at 12:00 on July 29 to the Beijing international airport for free for the volunteers. Tsinghua will not provide accommodation from 12:00 noon on this day. Please return the food card and the room key at the reception desk when you check out.

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