B.E.S.T. CHINA 2015-16 PROGRAMS: APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

List of documents included in the application package

1) Application Instructions (this document);
2) B.E.S.T. China Program: Student Application form;
3) B.E.S.T. China Program: Informed Voluntary Consent and General Release form;
4) B.E.S.T. China Program Information Sheet.

Application Instructions

To apply for the program, please submit the following documents:

- Completed ‘B.E.S.T. China Program: Student Application’ form;
- Completed ‘B.E.S.T. China Program: Informed Voluntary Consent and General Release’ form (completed by parent/guardian if you are under the age of 18);
- Official transcript(s) from home institution;
- Proof of English proficiency (i.e., TOEFL, IELTS, CET-4/CET-6, high school English grade, or approval from home institution);
- Copy of passport (photo page only) or Chinese ID card.

Application Submission

Please submit the following documents to Zhang Dong at zdong1@udayton.edu:

- Scanned/electronic copy of completed ‘B.E.S.T. China Program: Student Application’ form;
- Scanned/electronic copy of completed ‘B.E.S.T. China Program: Informed Voluntary Consent and General Release’ form (if applicable);
- Scanned/electronic copy of official transcript(s) from home institution;
- Scanned/electronic copy of proof of English proficiency (i.e., TOEFL, IELTS, CET-4/CET-6, high school English grade, or approval from home institution);
- Scanned/electronic copy of passport (photo page only) or Chinese ID card.

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Students for the B.E.S.T. China program are those students who are either currently enrolled in a degree program at the university level at another institution OR has at least completed their sophomore year of high school, and who wish to participate in a practical learning experience at the University of Dayton China Institute during the 2015-16 academic year. Please note that B.E.S.T. students are responsible for the full cost of attendance at the University of Dayton. Availability of university provided housing varies each semester.

To be eligible for consideration as a B.E.S.T. China student, students must meet the following criteria:
- Be enrolled in a degree program at the university level OR at least have completed their sophomore year of high school at an institution outside the United States;
- Be in good academic standing;
- Have completed a minimum of one semester of undergraduate study (university level students only).

Application Term: 

Section 1: Student Information

Last Name: 
First Name: 
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): 
Gender  
 ○ Male  ○ Female 
Chinese ID/Passport No: 
Country of Birth: 
City of Birth: 
Email Address: 
Phone Number: 
Permanent Address: 
Mailing Address: (If different from above)
Section 2: Educational Background (Home Institution)

Current Institution: 

Address of Institution: 

First Attended (mm/dd/yyyy): 

Last Attended (mm/dd/yyyy): (Leave blank if still attending)

Level of Study:  
- High School  
- College/University

Graduated:  
- Yes
- No

G.P.A.: 

English Proficiency Exam: 

Score: 

If no English proficiency score is available, will your home institution provide documentation as support that you are proficient in English?

- Yes
- No

The Dean, Registrar or authorized official from the home institution MUST sign this form and apply the official seal for authorization.

I certify that the above student is enrolled and in good academic standing at:

Name of Institution: 

He/she has been given approval to take courses at the University of Dayton China Institute during the term specified under 'Application Term'.

Name: 

Title/Position: 

Signature and Official Seal:
PARENTAL/LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT (If under 18 years of age)

As parent/legal guardian of this student, I authorize him/her to travel to and/or attend the B.E.S.T. China Program at the University of Dayton China Institute in Suzhou, China during the term specified under 'Application Term'. I acknowledge that this student has major medical insurance that will cover this child for medical treatment, if needed. I authorize the University of Dayton to make medical treatment decisions for the student in cases of emergency. In addition, emergency contact information is provided:

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Signature of Parent/Guardian:
INFORMED VOLUNTARY CONSENT AND GENERAL RELEASE
(For parent/guardian signature of participants under age 18)

In consideration of participation in the University of Dayton activity/program as described herein, and having actual knowledge and appreciation of the particulars of the program and those risks involved in this type of activity/program, I, on behalf of my child, voluntarily consent to use of the facilities and participation in the activities/programs at this site, and assume all the risks arising therefrom.

**Group Name:** B.E.S.T. China 2015-16 Programs  
**Description:** B.E.S.T. China Fall 2015, Spring 2016 and Summer 2016 Programs  
**Location:** University of Dayton China Institute, Suzhou, China
**Date(s) of Activity/Program:** Fall 2015: October 12 to November 20, 2015; Spring 2016: January 18 to April 20, 2016; Summer 2016: May 16 to June 22, 2016.

I hereby declare that my child is in good health and has no mental or physical condition or symptoms that could interfere with her/his safety or the safety of others while participating in any activity using any equipment or facilities of the University of Dayton. Furthermore, I certify that (s)he has adequate health insurance to cover any injury or damage that (s)he may suffer while participating, or alternatively, agree to bear all costs associated with any such injury or damages to her/him.

I, the undersigned, do hereby release, hold harmless, indemnify, waive, and discharge the University of Dayton and all its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of action arising from any injuries or damages my child may suffer or sustain from her/his participation in, or use of, any facility, equipment, and/or programs. Furthermore, in full recognition and appreciation of the potential dangers and hazards inherent in athletic and other activities, I do hereby agree to assume any and all risks, liabilities, and responsibilities for all accidents, injuries, damages, or property losses arising from my child’s participation.

In the event of a medical emergency requiring more than basic first aid, I authorize University of Dayton officials and Board of Trustees of University of Dayton to secure from any licensed hospital, physician, and/or medical personnel any treatment deemed necessary for my child’s immediate care and agree that I will be responsible for payment of any and all medical services rendered.

I have read and fully understand the above statements.

________________________________________  __________________________________________
Print Name of Participant  Print Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

________________________________________  __________________________________________
Signature of Participant  Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

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Date  Date
B.E.S.T. CHINA 2015-16 PROGRAMS: INFORMATION SHEET

About the Program

The University of Dayton offers an opportunity to high school and college students from our partner institutions to participate in a practical learning experience in various areas of study. B.E.S.T. focuses on Business, Engineering, Science and Technology, in which most courses are centered around hands on learning through labs and/or group projects. There are three sessions of the B.E.S.T. China program available during the 2015-16 academic year, the dates are as follows:

- Fall 2015  October 12 to November 20, 2015 (6 weeks)
- Spring 2016  January 18 to April 20, 2016 (12 weeks)
- Summer 2016  May 16 to June 22, 2016 (6 weeks)

Academic Components of B.E.S.T.

The B.E.S.T. program allows students to undertake between 6 to 18 University of Dayton credit hours. The number of hours per program and courses available varies from semester to semester, but usually, any 6-week program affords students the opportunity to take 6 University of Dayton credit hours, and any 12-week program affords students the opportunity to take between 9 to 15 University of Dayton credit hours.

Each B.E.S.T. program is unique – course offerings include the arts, business, engineering, humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences.

Program Cost

The cost of the program is dependent upon the number of credit hours a student decides to take.

- 6 credit hours of tuition (2 courses)  USD 5,000
- 9 credit hours of tuition (3 courses)  USD 6,000
- 12 credit hours of tuition (4 courses)  USD 8,000
- 15 credit hours of tuition (6 courses)  USD 10,000

Tuition has been discounted by up to 50% for partner institution students as part of this program.

Incentives

If a student receives an average grade of B or above (GPA 3.0) during B.E.S.T., the University of Dayton will waive the English proficiency requirement (i.e., TOEFL, IELTS) if the student would like to be considered for admission to the University of Dayton.

Computer Requirements

All UD students are required to have a notebook computer that meets the academic hardware and software requirements of the University. Students must bring with them to the University of Dayton a laptop meeting our minimum requirements. For details, please visit http://www.udayton.edu/udit/computing_printing/student_computer_program.php.

Application/Admission Requirements

For college students, enrollment in a degree program at one of our partner institutions outside of the United States, and has completed at least one semester of undergraduate study.
For high school students, be enrolled at one of our partner institutions outside of the United States, and has completed at least their sophomore year of high school.

As stated in the ‘Application Instructions’ document, to apply for the program, students must submit the following documents:

- Completed ‘B.E.S.T. China Program: Student Application’ form;
- Completed ‘B.E.S.T. China Program: Informed Voluntary Consent and General Release’ form (if under the age of 18);
- Official transcript(s) from home institution;
- Proof of English proficiency;
- Copy of passport (photo page only) or Chinese ID card.

College students wishing to participate in the B.E.S.T. China Program must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above and be recommended for admission into the Program by their home institution. In rare circumstances, special consideration may be given, upon request from our partner institutions. Students must also demonstrate some level of English proficiency. Accepted forms of documentation include: TOEFL, IELTS, CET-4/CET-6 (Chinese national college English test) or testament of the home institution stating that the student is proficient in English if no test scores are available.

High school students wishing to participate in the B.E.S.T. China Program must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above and be recommended for admission into the Program by their home institution. In rare circumstances, special consideration may be given, upon request from our partner institutions. Students must also demonstrate some level of English proficiency. Accepted forms of documentation include: TOEFL, IELTS, or an average English grade of 85 or above per their official high school transcript.

Application Deadline

All applications and supporting documents must be submitted to the University of Dayton China Institute. For specific application submission instructions, please refer to the ‘Application Instructions’ document contained in the application package.

- Fall 2015 Application Deadline September 15, 2015
- Spring 2016 Application Deadline November 30, 2015
- Summer 2016 Application Deadline March 31, 2016