

ONTARIO/JIANGSU EXCHANGE PROGRAM (OJS)



Jiangsu Province



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- Population of 80+ million
- One of the richest provinces in China
- One of the highest literacy rates in China (94%)
- 1.2 million post-secondary students
- Capital City is Nanjing

Jiangsu Universities

- Nanjing University
- Nanjing Normal University
- Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics
- Soochow University
- Yangzhou University
- Jiangnan University
- Jiangsu University

Jiangsu Universities

- Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University
- Changzhou University
- Nanjing Arts University
- Nantong University

Program Requirements

- **Open to full-time graduate and undergraduate students, including international students (without scholarship)**
- **Completion of 2 years of study in Canada**
- **Nominated by home university**
- **Pay tuition to home university**

Opportunities

- **One- or two-semester exchanges**
 - Two-semester exchanges strongly encouraged
 - Get full value from the exchange
- **Summer Research Program**
 - Minimum of 3 months
- **Summer Language and Culture Program**
 - 4 Weeks

Opportunities

- **Summer Language and Chinese Food Culture**
 - Jiangnan University
 - Special Interest to Food Science students
 - Open to all students
 - Visits to industry and farms including tea farms

Challenges

- **Availability of English medium courses for regular exchange programs**
 - **Can be limited for discipline courses**
 - **Identify specific core course credit requirements on application**
 - **We will try and accommodate through reading courses, project-based courses, lab courses**
 - **May requires some flexibility—e.g. defer core courses**
 - **We have managed to accommodate specific student course requirements where possible**

Challenges

- **Differences in semester timings**
 - **Fall semester is September to mid January**
 - **Winter semester is mid February to mid-July**
 - **Strong reason for a two semester exchange**
 - **Students on one semester exchange, particularly fall, may negotiate special arrangements to complete course requirements by end of December**
 - **Students on winter exchange can opt to work until February or travel in China before starting exchange**
 - **Chinese New Year**

Challenges

- **Different Education Systems**
 - Many courses of different weights
 - Teaching and Evaluation
- **Different Administration Systems**
 - Not as student friendly (varies by university)
 - Many administrators do not speak English
 - Help from Chinese students
 - Time not necessarily of the essence
 - Be forceful
- **Jiangsu Program Office (NUAA) is there to help**
 - Prof CAO Bufeng

Why China??

- **Emerging political and economic power**
 - Understanding the language and culture
 - Enhanced job prospects
- **Cultural travel/tourism opportunities**
 - One of greatest world cultures with long history
 - Great Wall and Forbidden City--Beijing
 - Terra Cotta Warriors—Xi'an
 - Nanjing one of first capitals of China—Ming Dynasty Tombs—City Walls—Purple Mountain—Sun Yat Sen
- **Living Costs**
 - Accommodation on campus (approx \$60-\$100/month)
 - Meals on campus (approx \$25-\$70 depending on Chinese or Foreign cafeterias)

Why China?

● FINANCES

- Rent (student residence) 1000 Y
- Student service fee) various
- Student cafeteria 600 Y
- Groceries 100 Y
- Phone (basic) 100 Y
- Public transportation 100 Y
- Travel 300 Y
- Postage 50 Y
- Books 20 Y
- Other entertainment 200 Y
- Total monthly expenses CA\$300-400
- Health Insurance 600/Y

Accommodation



Why China?

- **WEATHER**

- Average Annual Temp is 13-16 C
- Cold winters and hot summers
- Spring and Fall are very nice
- Summer is rainy season
- Lack of central heating/AC

- **FOOD**

- Lots of variety both on and off campus
- Be adventurous
- Fast food—McDs, Pizza Hut, KFC, Coffee Shops
- Good Beer

Why China?

Beijing



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Beijing



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Nanjing



Why China?

Suzhou



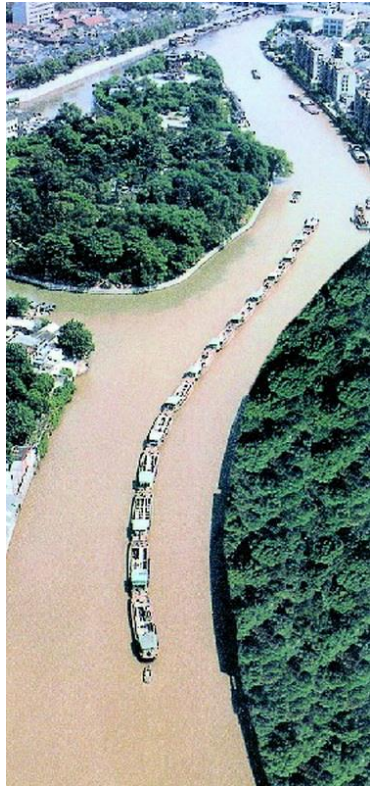
Why China?

Yangzhou



Why China?

Zhenjiang



Why China?

Culture



What Next??

- **Apply to your home university first**
- **Selected Regular and Summer Research student applications forwarded to OJS Program Office by home university by January 31 (check your university's deadline!)**
 - Must list three universities
 - Placements considered in February-March
 - Successful applicants advised by April
- **Deadline for Summer Language and Culture Programs is March 1 (check your university's deadline!)**
- **Regular Program Commences September**

What Next??

- **More Information**

- www.ojs.ouinternational.ca