



# Ontario/Jiangsu Student Exchange Program

**2014–2015  
Application Information for  
Ontario Students**

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## **Introduction:**

The provinces of Ontario, Canada and Jiangsu, Peoples Republic of China are sister provinces that have entered into several educational and cultural agreements. One of these agreements has established the Ontario-Jiangsu Student Exchange Program, a new provincial student mobility program that commenced in September 2009. The program is administered by two Academic Directors:

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## **General Requirements:**

Ontario students must have completed 2 years of a recognized degree at their home university. Most fields of study in Jiangsu (subject to restrictions from receiving institutions) will be open for exchange. Exchange participants will normally study for up to one academic year as non-degree students. **For non-Chinese speaking Ontario students wishing to study in Jiangsu, the availability of English medium courses may be a limiting factor in the availability of programs. However, the Academic Directors for the program will make every effort to ensure that sufficient program credits can be arranged for individual students through reading courses, project courses and/or lab courses.**

Participating students will pay tuition at their home university and will be exempt from paying tuition at the host university. However, host universities **may** charge certain incidental administrative fees. Ontario students will be responsible for their expenses abroad, including travel, room and board, health and accident insurance, miscellaneous incidental expenses that may be required by the host university, and other living expenses. Ontario students will be responsible for fees related to the Jiangsu Ping An health and medical insurance program, mandatory for all international students at all Jiangsu universities. The approximate cost per year is RMB 500 (Cdn \$ 90.00). Ontario students are responsible for all aspects — academic, legal, medical, etc. — of their participation in the program. Students are responsible for arranging any transfer of credits to their home university.

Students are nominated by their home university in Ontario based on that institution's selection processes and criteria. Application forms must contain a list of three Jiangsu universities at which the applicant may wish to study. The Academic Directors will place as many students as possible at their first-choice institution. It is program policy, however, that students be placed equitably throughout the

system of participating Jiangsu universities. The prospective host university is responsible for deciding whether to admit students and at what level (graduate or undergraduate). Placement may also depend on arrangements to ensure the availability of required credits for each student.

Details can be found at the OJS website <http://ojs.ouinternational.ca/ontario-students>

## **Programs:**

### ***Regular Exchange Program:***

Students can spend one or two semesters studying at one of the eleven Jiangsu universities. Tuition is paid at your home university. Tuition is waived at the host Jiangsu university. Scholarships are available:

One semester	\$2000
Two Semesters	\$2500

### ***Summer Research Program:***

Students can spend the summer of 2014 undertaking research in conjunction with a faculty member at one of the participating Jiangsu universities. Should a faculty member at the student's home university have an existing research contact at one of the participating Jiangsu universities, that contact can be utilized to establish a research program and supervisor in China. If such a link is not available, the OJS will assist the student in identifying a host university and supervisor.

A scholarship of \$2500 is available for this program.

### ***Summer Language and Culture Program:***

A four week summer language and culture program is offered at the Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, usually in June. A tuition is required for this program but the tuition included teaching, accommodation, some meals and local travel to sites. A scholarship of \$1500 will more than cover the tuition. This program is available to students that have completed their first year of study in Ontario.

### ***Summer Language and Food Culture Program:***

A four week program of language instruction and presentations and visits related to Chinese food culture is offered by Jiangnan university, usually in June. A tuition is required for this program but the tuition included teaching, accommodation, some meals and local travel to sites. A scholarship of \$1500 will more than cover the tuition. This program is available to students that have completed their first year of study in Ontario.

## **Jiangsu Universities:**

The following Jiangsu universities are participating in the OJS exchange:

<b>University</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
Nanjing University	Nanjing	<a href="http://www.nju.edu.cn/cps/site/NJU/njue/">www.nju.edu.cn/cps/site/NJU/njue/</a>	Hui Xiaonan	nan@nju.edu.cn
Jiangsu University	Zhenjiang	<a href="http://ieec.ujs.edu.cn/recruit/default.asp">http://ieec.ujs.edu.cn/recruit/default.asp</a>	Zhang Yue	intl4@ujs.edu.cn
Yangzhou University	Yangzhou	<a href="http://english.yzu.edu.cn/">http://english.yzu.edu.cn/</a>	Zhang Fan	fanzhang@yzu.edu.cn
Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics	Nanjing	<a href="http://ice.nuaa.edu.cn/about/index.php">http://ice.nuaa.edu.cn/about/index.php</a>	Zhang Jing	Zhangjing_ice@nuaa.edu.cn
Soochow University	Suzhou	<a href="http://www.suda.edu.cn/English/">http://www.suda.edu.cn/English/</a>	Yang Si	yangsi@suda.edu.cn
Jiangnan University	Wuxi	<a href="http://www.jiangnan.edu.cn/english/index.html">http://www.jiangnan.edu.cn/english/index.html</a>	Qin Jie	jqin@jiangnan.edu.cn
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### **Nanjing University:**

Nanjing University is a comprehensive national university. Located in Nanjing, a historic city of approximately 5-6 million, the university has a student population of 40,000 housed in two campuses. Key national disciplines include Physics, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Chinese Culture and History,

Geography, Earth Science and Computer Software. Key provincial disciplines include Environmental Chemistry, Physics, Geology and English Literature.

**Jiangsu University:**

Jiangsu University, situated in a beautiful and well-known historic and cultural city on the southern bank of the Yangtze River---Zhenjiang, is a comprehensive teaching and research university specializing in engineering programs. Ranked among the top 100 universities in China, Jiangsu University also provides international students with short-term or long-term Chinese and culture courses, and exchange programs in the fields of machinery, science, medicine, arts, economics, law, business, education and history. In addition, IEEC provides special courses or programs taught all-in-English.

**Yangzhou University:**

Yangzhou University is a comprehensive learning institution delivering programs and research in the majority of disciplines including humanities, science, business, engineering, architecture, computer, medicine, art, music, agriculture, and animal husbandry. Yangzhou is home to approximately 30,000 undergraduate students and is located in a key cultural and tourism destination.

**Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics:**

As the name suggests, NUAU emphasizes on science and engineering with particular reference to aeronautics, astronautics and civil aviation. However, the university also offers programs in engineering and technology, management sciences, natural sciences, humanities and social sciences. English language programs include Aeronautical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, International Business, and Software Engineering and Management.

**Soochow University:**

Soochow University, located in Suzhou (a city known as "Paradise on Earth") is home to approximately 35,000 full-time students. Suzhou is located less than an hour by train to Shanghai and is an important cultural and tourist destination. The university is a comprehensive university offering a wide range of programs in the arts, sciences, humanities, management, business and engineering.

**Jiangnan University:**

Jiangnan University, located adjacent to Taihu Lake in Wuxi, is home to approximately 25,000 full time students. The university primarily offers programs in science and technology and engineering. The School of Food Science is ranked as one of the largest food science programs in the country. Current research covers almost every area of food science and technology such as food chemistry, food engineering, cereal science and technology, agricultural product processing, biotechnology and food microbiology.

**Changzhou University (formerly Jiangsu Polytechnic University):**

Changzhou University, located close to the Yangtze River in Changzhou, has a student population of approximately 11,000. Programs are primarily oriented to engineering and technology, including petrochemical engineering, chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, environmental engineering and computer engineering. The university also offers programs in Business Administration.

### *Nanjing Normal University:*

Nanjing Normal University offers well-established programs in arts, sciences, economics, business administration, law and humanities. Originally established to provide teacher training programs, Nanjing Normal University is now considered a comprehensive university offering undergraduate and post graduate degrees in a wide range of disciplines including Liberal Arts, Journalism and Communications, Public Administration, Law, Commerce, Educational Science, Foreign Languages, Biological Sciences, Geographical Science, and Music and Fine Arts.

### *Nanjing Arts Institute:*

As the name suggests, the Nanjing Arts Institute offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in the full range of the arts including fine arts, dance, media, movie and television, and design.

### *Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University:*

This international university, located in the city of Suzhou offers a comprehensive program entirely in English. Details of the programs offered at Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University can be found at: <http://academic.xjtlu.edu.cn/SitePages/HomePage.aspx>

### *Nantong University:*

Located in the city of Nantong across the Yangtse River from Shanghai, Nantong University offers a broad range of programs. However, the university is particularly noted in fields such as electrical engineering, neuroscience, medicine and health, and education.

## **Program Schedule:**

Student applications should be submitted to your International Office. Please check for the local deadline.

Application forms for students selected by each Ontario university to participate in the Ontario Jiangsu Exchange Program should be submitted to the OJS Program Office by **January 31, 2014**.

Successful students will be advised of their placements in the host Jiangsu University by **April 1, 2014**.

A pre-departure session will be held in **May 2014** at York University for all Ontario students participating in the program. Details will be provided.

Students will apply for their visas during May-June. We will provide more information on this important step later.

Exchanges will begin in **September 2014**.

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### ***1. Where on earth is Jiangsu Province?***

Jiangsu province is located on the central-eastern coast of China, adjacent to Shanghai. The capital of Jiangsu is Nanjing, an ancient city that was once the capital of China. For more information you can visit <http://www.travelchinaguide.com/cityguides/jiangsu/>

### ***2. Where can I study?***

There are eleven participating universities in Jiangsu province that offer a wide range of courses and specializations.

### ***3. Are courses available in English?***

English language courses are available at the Jiangsu universities but the number of courses and program areas will vary from university to university. Elective credits are relatively easy to arrange but core discipline credits may be somewhat more difficult to arrange. However, it may be possible to arrange reading, project-based or lab-based courses with instructors that can speak English to ensure that you obtain program credits in your discipline. We will work with you through the application process to identify a host university that can provide some such courses in your program of study. In your application, you will be asked to identify any specific course credits that you might require. The Jiangsu program office is very helpful in arranging for the availability of specific course credits.

### ***4. What do I gain from participating?***

You gain credit toward your Ontario degree, enhance your marketability with international experience and skills, make lifelong friends, broaden your personal horizons by living in a different part of the world, and have a memorable and incredibly enjoyable time in the process. And we're here to help you all along the way.

### ***5. How long will I be away?***

The Regular Exchange Year runs from September to July of the following year. This includes two semesters of university (September to mid-January, and mid-February to July), with a reading, working, or traveling period from mid-January to mid-February (the period of Spring Festival or Chinese New Year). We **strongly suggest** that Ontario participants, especially undergraduate students, spend a full academic year in China, although students may apply to participate for one semester only. **Feedback from students currently on exchange in Jiangsu clearly supports the notion that a two semester exchange is more realistic if you want to receive full academic and cultural value from your exchange.** Because most courses do not end until July, you will probably not be able to work in Canada the summer you return.

### ***6. Is financial aid available?***

Yes. The OJS program administers scholarships (no special application needed) for all Ontario participants, using funds provided by the Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities (\$2000 for one semester and \$2500 for full-year participation). OSAP, OSG, or SSHRC support, as well as many university-based scholarships, may be applied to your exchange year. Also, all Ontario universities offer

scholarships and/or bursaries for study abroad: check with your home university's International Office and with your academic advisor.

### **7. *How much will it cost?***

Here are some factors to consider:

- Your tuition in Ontario (some Ontario universities will grant you a partial or even full bursary if you participate in the Program) — remember, you can get credit for the courses you take in Jiangsu
- Your travel costs to China and back (probably around \$1500 for the flight).
- Your living expenses in China: It is much cheaper to live in China. Accommodation and food will likely cost you less than \$300/month for approximately 11 months
- Don't forget any travel you might want to do in China—there is lots to see and China is a big country!! However, Jiangsu offers a tremendous amount of cultural, historical and tourism opportunities that are close and easy to visit. Train is a good and fairly cheap option and there are overnight buses with sleeping accommodation.
- The exchange rate (Canadian dollar to RMB) fluctuates and can make it either more or less advantageous.

### **8. *How much Chinese do I need?***

Within the university community you will find that the majority of students and many faculty members speak English as a second language. All participating universities will offer Chinese language courses that you can take for credit. Although Chinese is a fairly difficult language to learn you will be surprised at how you will pick it up through classes to a level where you can survive.

### **9. *How friendly are the Chinese people?***

The Chinese are a very friendly people and do have a special affinity for Canadians due to the contributions to China by Dr. Norman Bethune during the Second Sino-Japanese War in the 1930s, resulting in his death. All Chinese learn about Dr Bethune and Chinese visitors to Canada will often visit his birthplace in Gravenhurst, Ontario.