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Valparaiso University Offers
2007 Summer Immersion Program for US Educators

Valparaiso University (VU) is pleased to announce that it has received a grant from the US Department of Education to host a China-based Summer Immersion Program for US Educators (*2007 Educator SIP*). The *2007 Educator SIP* is designed to help current and future US educators (current K-12 teachers, administrators, and college students majoring in education) to integrate or expand Chinese language or Chinese studies in K-12 curriculum; to deepen understanding of the Chinese culture through immersion; and to explore ways to improve instructional effectiveness in the field of Chinese language and Chinese Studies in K-12 schools. The four week program will take place **June 25 to July 23, 2007**.

The *2007 Educator SIP* will be based in Hangzhou, China and will include visits to places such as Beijing, Yellow Mountain, and a number of schools near Hangzhou. The local host is Zhejiang University of Technology, an exchange partner with VU since 1988.

VU is now accepting applications for the *2007 Educator SIP*. **The deadline to apply is May 10, 2007 on a first-come, first-served basis.** Because the space is limited, anyone interested in the program should contact Ms. Jamie Haney, program coordinator (Jamie.Haney@valpo.edu, 219-464-5313) **immediately** for an application packet.

The Program: The *2007 Educator SIP* will have three key components. For four days each week, participants will receive language training (beginner's level*) and attend a series of lectures focusing on salient aspects of Chinese culture and society. The other three days are reserved for trips to Beijing, Yellow Mountain, and four local schools, (one in Shanghai, one in Hangzhou, one in Ninbo, and one in Xinchang county). Between the classes, lectures, and trips, there will be a workshop (designed to identify effective instructional pedagogy and materials suitable for K-12 schools in teaching Chinese language and culture). The 2007 Educator SIP places emphasis on participant involvement, interactions, and individual needs.

Who can apply? The *2007 Educator SIP* is open to anyone who is:
- Current K-12 teacher who is teaching or planning to teach Chinese language or China-related studies.
- Administrator who is interested in introducing or expanding Chinese language and culture to K-12 school curricula.
- College student (must be junior, senior or graduate student by fall 2007) who either majors in Education or in Chinese Studies but plans to teach Chinese or China area studies after graduation.

- Only US citizens or permanent residents are eligible to apply.
- Participants with have at least two years of college-level Chinese or from heritage families may take advanced Chinese classes offered in VU's Summer Language Immersion Program offered in Hangzhou during the same time.*

Cost and Accommodations:
- Airfare: The *2007 Educator SIP* offers up to **$1,100** per participant for travel to and from China (provided the participant uses a US air carrier).
- Program fee: The program fee is **$800** per participant (Note: this is one-third of the actual cost of the Program as the rest of the costs are covered by the grant from Department of Education). The fee covers housing and meals in China, Chinese entry visa, and other program expenses such as group trips, program-sponsored activities, access to office facilities, instructional materials, etc.
- Participants are responsible for health insurance, personal and accidental expenses, and US passport-related expenses. All participants **must** demonstrate valid health insurance coverage before they can start the program.
- Participants wanting to enroll in the advanced Chinese language classes at VU's Summer Language Immersion Program beyond the four weeks period may pay additional fees (see notes below).

Participants will stay in two-star hotel rooms (double-room capacity) located near a major university in Hangzhou, China unless traveling. Meals are based on three meals a day at an estimate $10 per day per person.

Travel Arrangements:
The 2007 Educator SIP will prearrange a travel agency for a standard travel package (From Chicago to Shanghai and Shanghai to Chicago with possible connecting flight to and from Chicago). If a participant purchases plane tickets through this travel agency, she/he will only need to pay for airfare beyond $1,100. If a participant chooses to purchase tickets on his/her own, the 2007 Educator SIP will reimburse he/she up to $1,100 upon receiving the receipt. All participants are responsible for expenses to and from the airport in the US. To qualify for receiving the subsidy for international travel, participants **must** fly a US air carrier unless for special circumstances and receive prior approval from VU.

Passport and Visa:
All participants must have valid US passport no later than June 10, 2007. If they do not a US passport, they must apply as soon as possible and require expedited service, as even expedited passport service may take up to four weeks.

Participants need to apply for entry visa from nearby Chinese Consulate. For information on how to obtain the visa or download the visa application form, visit http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/hzqz/zgqz/default.htm. The 2007 Educator SIP will reimburse $50 per participant for the visa application fee (regular, four-day processing fee).

VU Credit:
Participants who successfully complete the 2007 Educator SIP may apply for and receive up to three credits from Valparaiso University (CHST 690: Seminar in Chinese Studies), at an additional cost of $150 per credit. Such credits may be used for license renewal in some states. For those who plan to enroll in VU's Master of Arts in Chinese Studies at Valparaiso University, these credits apply towards their degrees.

Orientation:
The *2007 Educator SIP* plans to host a pre-departure orientation at VU in early or mid-May for all accepted participants. Details of the orientation will be announced later as well as details to make travel arrangements.

Enrollment:
The enrollment of the *2007 Educator SIP* is **limited** to 20. The enrollment may close early if the program is full before the deadline (May 10, 2007).

How to apply? Anyone who is interested in the Program should:

- Contact *Ms. Jamie Haney*, Coordinator of VU's Master of Arts in Chinese Studies program in the Office of Graduate Studies, at Jamie.Haney@valpo.edu or Graduate.Studies@valpo.edu, or 219-464-5313, to obtain application materials and/or other information.
- Questions about the program can be directed to *Ms. Jamie Haney* or *Professor Zhimin Lin*, Director of VU's Master of Arts in Chinese Studies Program and program director for the 2007 Educator SIP, at Zhimin.Lin@valpo.edu or 219-464-5749.
- For more information about Valparaiso University, please visit www.valpo.edu. Information about VU's undergraduate and graduate programs in Chinese studies can be found at www.valpo.edu/cjsp.

* VU's 2007 Summer Chinese Language Immersion Program has two phases. Phase one (May 28-June 22) is for students who have taken two years of Chinese at college; phase two (June 25-August 10) is for students who have take three years of Chinese or equivalent. Contact Jamie Haney for more information.