

2019 Visiting Program for Young Sinologists

I. Program Overview

The Visiting Program for Young Sinologists is hosted by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the People's Republic of China, coordinated by the Network of International Culturalink Entities and is jointly organized by provincial (municipal) governments and academic institutions in China. It aims to build a platform to support overseas young sinologists in carrying out Chinese studies, to provide convenient and substantial assistance for their academic research, to support their exchanges and collaborative research projects with outstanding Chinese academic, cultural, and educational institutions, groups, companies, and scholars, and to help them enhance their academic competence and international influence.

Since 2014, the Visiting Program for Young Sinologists has held 17 programs in Beijing, Shanghai, Shaanxi, Henan, Chongqing, Guangdong, Zhejiang and so on. A total of 514 people from 99 countries participated in the programs.

The 2019 Visiting Program for Young Sinologists will host three programs in Shanghai, Shaanxi and Zhejiang under the theme of "Integrated Development of Culture and Tourism". Each program lasts 21 days. About 100 people are expected to attend the programs.

II. Contents

a) Time and locations

2019 Visiting Program for Young Sinologists (Shanghai): Jun. 16 to Jul. 6

2019 Visiting Program for Young Sinologists (Hangzhou): Sept. 5 to Sept. 25

2019 Visiting Program for Young Sinologists (Xi'an): Sept. 6 to Sept. 26

b) Organizing institutions

Host: Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the People's Republic of China

Coordinator: Network of International Culturalink Entities

Organizers: Provincial (Municipal) Department (Bureau) of Culture and Tourism, provincial (municipal) academic institutions

Co-organizers: Collaborative institutions

c) Research topics

1. Theme: Integrated development of culture and tourism

2. Sub-theme:

(1) Research on the integration of culture and tourism in Chinese cities

(2) Research on the development concepts in contemporary China

(3) Chinese humanities and social studies

(4) Research on the inheritance and development of Chinese culture

d) Structure

1. Orientation and lectures (2 days): Participants will attend lectures by renowned Chinese scholars and experts.

2. Intensive research (10 days): According to the research proposals previously submitted, participants will be assigned to corresponding institutes for in-depth research and study.

3. Field trip (4 days): Participants will have a trip to discover more about China and its cultural heritage.

4. Conclusion (2 days): During the closing ceremony, participants are encouraged to share ideas and give feedback.

5. Research paper: After the Program, participants are expected to write a research paper on their chosen topics in 3000 to 5000 words. Selected paper will be compiled into a book and then published.

III. Application

a) Eligibility

1. Basic requirements: aged between 25 and 45, in good health (as proved by health certificates issued by health organizations in home nations);
2. Education background: Bachelor's degree or above, and able to conduct research in Chinese or in English;
3. Working experiences: Have experience of working in well-known think tanks, government departments, research or educational institutions, cultural artistic or media organizations, cultural and creative enterprises;
4. Academic competence: have adequate research competence and social influence in the field of contemporary sinology, have published research papers or treatises on China, and be engaged in ongoing cooperative research projects related to China.

b) Application

Those who are interested in participation can access the homepage of China Studies (sinology.chinaculture.org), click on the "Apply Now" in "2019 Visiting Program for Young Sinologists" box, create an account with the real name, and complete the application form. The deadline for registration is March 31, 2019.

c) Selection

In late April, the panel will review the applications and select the final candidates.

d) Invitation

The organizers will issue an invitation letter to the scholars that are finally selected. After accepting the invitation, the scholars are expected to make preparations and go through relevant procedures.

IV. Expenses

The expenses of international round-trips (economy class), intercity transportation, board and accommodation, and academic training will be borne by the host.

Annex:

I. 2019 Visiting Program for Young Sinologists (Shanghai)

II. 2019 Visiting Program for Young Sinologists (Hangzhou)

III. 2019 Visiting Program for Young Sinologists (Xi'an)