Chinese Culture Studies Program for Global Young Scholar 2024
The International Sinology Youth Workshop

Tolerance, Mutual Communication and Common Development: the Core Values in Traditional Chinese Culture

1. Inclusive construction and common development
2. Interconnection and dialogue among civilization
3. Coexistence, sharing, and being onebody with Dao

Sub-themes

Time and Venue

From July 10th-20th, 2024
Beijing Normal University

The program plans to be held offline. Centering on the theme, we will organize a series of activities such as academic lectures, academic dialogues, cultural experiences, study tours, group discussions, creative activity and student presentations, so as to promote students’ understanding toward the core values in traditional Chinese culture.
Hosts & Organizers

**HOST**
International Confucian Association
Beijing Normal University (BNU)

**Organizers**
Jingshi Academy
School of Philosophy, BNU
Research Center for Value and Culture, BNU

BNU PHILOSOPHY SUMMER SCHOOL
The program will invite members of the International Confucian Association from Beijing Normal University as well as those other first-class universities at home and abroad, to become lecturers and tutors of our program. The School of Philosophy, BNU is one of the most important centers for philosophy and social science education, as well as for philosophical scientific research in China. In recent years, Philosophy at BNU as the “First-Class” discipline has been ranked 51-100 in QS steadily, and has been assessed as A in the fourth and fifth round of discipline evaluation of the China Ministry of Education. Each major in the School of Philosophy BNU has well-experienced faculty members and strong research capabilities. Our program has gained full support from the Center for Studies of Values and Culture at BNU which is a key research base of humanities and social sciences of the China Ministry of Education.

1. **Academic Lecture**
   All lectures, academic comments and Q&A sessions will be delivered by experts in the field of philosophy. Tutorial Guide: Participants will be divided into tutorial groups according to topics, and academic tutors will provide specific guidance to the participants for preparing their presentations.

2. **Academic Dialogue**
   “Thinking about China” Roundtable Forum - one scholar will be the host, and three experts will carry on a dialogue with a specific topic.

3. **Cultural Experience**
   Specialized teaching fellows will demonstrate and lead the participants in hands on Chinese cultural activities, including Chinese calligraphy and Martial art.

4. **Student Presentation**
   On the last day of the program, student representatives will share their learning harvest and make presentations.

5. **Study Tours**
   Participants will pay a visit to the National Museum of China and the Guozijian (the Imperial Academy) in Beijing. In the meantime, we are actively planning a trip to other city for study tours.
The program mainly targets at **outstanding young overseas scholars engaged in philosophical and relevant research.** The program has put the abundant academic resources of the International Confucian Association into full use, and will be conducted in the form of various activities such as academic lectures, discussions on specific topics, tutorial guides and student presentations. The program is characterized by diverse knowledge backgrounds, academic perspectives and teaching styles with the professional team involving a number of experts and scholars from the International Confucian Association. It is aimed to help participants to broaden their global horizons and improve their academic performances, thereby promoting international exchanges and cooperation, fostering new generation of academic scholars and developing their in-depth understandings of traditional Chinese thought and culture.

This program will be conducted in Chinese and English with interpreters during the whole process.

**Guest speakers: [Tentative]**

- Professor WU Xiangdong, Beijing Normal University
- Professor LI Xiangjun, Beijing Normal University
- Professor WANG, Zhongjiang, Peking University
- Professor DU, Baorui, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- Professor LI Chenyang, Nanyang Technological University
- Professor TIAN Chenshan, Beijing Foreign Studies University
- Professor Thomas Michael, Beijing Normal University
- Professor David Palmer, The University of Hong Kong
- Professor Chris Fraser, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Academic Tutors:**

- Professional scholars (from Center for Studies of Values and Culture BNU, School of Philosophy BNU)
- Prof. JIANG Limei, School of Philosophy BNU
- Dr. CUI Xiaojiao, School of Philosophy BNU
- Dr. CHU Ke, School of Philosophy BNU
Contents of Program

1. Full attendance of all lectures and tutorials.

2. Submit a final essay to maziqian@bnu.edu.cn
   No less than 1500 words in English or 3000 words in Chinese

Participants who meet the requirements above will receive a certificate of completion issued by the school of philosophy, BNU.
The main target group of this program are overseas young scholars who are well engaged in philosophical and relevant research, along with young international students from universities in China.

1. Applicants must be aged above 18, with a bachelor’s degree or above, and have certain background or foundation of Chinese culture study.

2. We expect participants to have a strong academic interest in Chinese traditional culture and contemporary Confucianism, as well as a certain understanding and grasp of Chinese philosophy, history, literature, etc.

3. We also look forward to participants who show concern for public affairs and are willing to make positive contributions to Sino-foreign friendly communication and cooperation. The Evaluation Committee will select around 40 applicants to participate in the program.
Applicants should fill in the Application form and submit application materials before **30th April, 2024**. Send an email to maziqian@bnu.edu.cn

1. Copy of the Passport’s First Page (E-version)

2. CV (no more than 3 pages)

3. Personal Statement (no more than 2 pages, including motivation(s) to participate in this program and personal academic or social achievements)

4. 2 Recommendation Letters (written by your current employer or academic supervisor)

5. Application Form (see the attachment)

The review committee will conduct a preliminary screening of the application materials to select qualified candidates. Subsequently, the committee will conduct interview for the candidates who pass the screening. After comprehensive consideration, the final admission list will be determined.

**Visa information:** The type of visa to apply for this program is **“X2”** (Student Visa).
The International Confucian Association and Beijing Normal University will provide student grants of different levels, covering the cost of round-trip international air tickets, lodging and sightseeing in China during the program.

To apply for the grant, please submit the following materials by sending an email to maziqian@bnu.edu.cn before **30th April, 2024:**

1. A short, separate letter outlining the applicant’s current funding status, financial needs and the estimated international travel expenses.

2. An essay that discusses your interests in the topic “Tolerance, Mutual Communication and Common Development: the Core Values in Traditional Chinese Culture”, and your relevant previous study experience in no less than 1000 words. Applicants do not necessarily require relevant study experience in the program’s topic.

*Notice

This grant will be provided based on the assessment by the evaluation committee. Anyone offered the grant should meet the basic completion conditions.
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Q: Can I participate or audit if I am a Chinese citizen?
A: Yes, you can submit an application.

Q: What if I only speak Chinese/English?
A: This program will be conducted in Chinese and English with interpreters during the whole process.

Q: Can I definitely get the student grants?
A: Applications for student grants will be assessed based on the principle of fairness and justice by the Evaluation Committee.

Q: What if I have special requirement for accommodation and diet?
A: Accommodations will be arranged at standard hotels booked by the program organizer. If you have any special requirements for diet, please inform the organizer in advance.
## “Chinese Culture Studies Program for Global Young Scholar 2024” Application Form

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Visiting and experiencing Chinese traditional architectural culture

Chinese ancient architecture is renowned for its distinctive styles, intricate designs, and deep cultural significance, reflecting China's long history and traditional aesthetic.

Bowing in a traditional salute in front of Confucius's statue

Confucius, a pivotal figure in Chinese history, was a philosopher whose teachings on ethics, morality, and governance have profoundly influenced Chinese thought and culture.

Attempting Chinese calligraphy writing

Chinese calligraphy, regarded as a sublime form of artistic expression, embodies the aesthetic principles and spiritual depth of Chinese culture through the beauty of its characters.