

# **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

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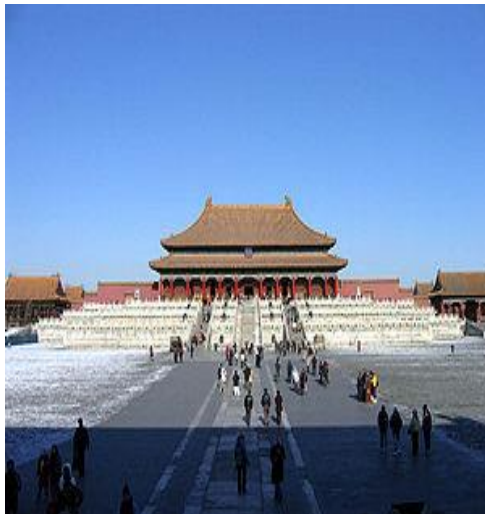
## Beijing





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## Suzhou



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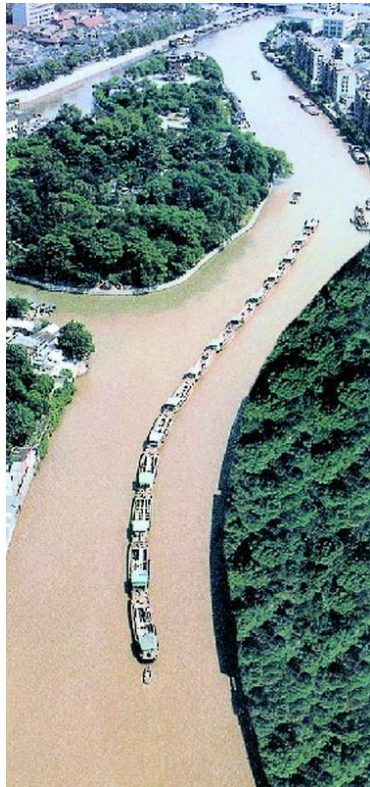
## Yangzhou





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# Zhenjiang



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## 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??

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- More Information
  - [www.ojs.ouinternational.ca](http://www.ojs.ouinternational.ca)