LANGUAGE Contents

Discover the best language programs in China designed by our language experts

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Introduction

An internship in China will provide the opportunity to learn and practice Mandarin in all aspects of life. Mandarin is by far the most widely spoken language in the world and possessing the skills to be able to converse it is sure to give you extra brownie points in any job interview situation – particularly amongst multinational organizations conducting business activities in Asia.

It highly encouraged that you immerse yourself in China's rich culture while learning Mandarin. Discover China's history, legacy and place in the modern world all while interacting with locals and building on your language skills.

CIP (China Internship Placements) designed three programs with the help of our language experts. The aim is to help you learn as fast and effectively as possible so that by the time you leave, you have real improvement in your proficiency and also the ability to carry out a simple conversation in Chinese, as well as having a sound understanding of the Chinese culture.



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Why study Chinese in China

- 1. International companies prefer to hire people who speak more than one language. China has become a big market, and leaders are looking for people who can speak Chinese and operate successfully in a Chinese cultural context.
- 2. Learning Chinese may give you a plus when competing for an important job position.
- 3. In the future, China will play a major role in world affairs as it has opened up to the West, there are opportunities for employment in all areas.
- China is a wonderful country in which you can teach English while developing your language and cultural skills. The experience is great, and it's something you will never forget.
- 5. China is one of the world's oldest and richest continuous cultures, over 5000 years old.

- 6. China is the most populous nation in the world, with 1.28 billion people.
- 7. **One fifth of the planet** speaks Chinese. Mandarin Chinese is the mother tongue of over 873 million people, making it the most widely spoken first language in the world.
- 8. In addition to the People's Republic of China and Taiwan, Mandarin Chinese is also spoken in the important and influential Chinese communities of Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, the Philippines, and Mongolia.
- 9. China is the second largest economy in the world.
- 10. China is one of largest trading partners of the United States.
- 11. Many US companies do business in China and have long-term investments there.

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Types of language programs

- 1. One-on-one Chinese Language Study Program
- 2. Group Chinese Language Study Programs
- 3. University Mandarin Program

One-on-one Chinese Language Study Program

Language study should not be rudimentary and strict, but varied and with a plethora of teaching methods to make the study come alive for participants. This is how Language learning is evolving, and what helps guaranty quality. CIP one-on-one Study Program is designed and customized with the participant's requirements and needs duly considered.

Its main advantage is the flexibility aspect which allows participants to study the Chinese Language as they desire. It is usually preferred by busy Business Executives, Interns, and Individuals who have very erratic schedules, and provides that classes could be rescheduled if needed.

It is taught by tutors from reputable Chinese Universities experienced with more than 5 years of teaching Chinese language as a second International Language. They are Chinese natives properly trained in the field. Proper assessment is made for starting participants off at a level corresponding with their current fluency in Chinese. Teaching materials are provided by China Internship Placements at no extra cost. On the first day of class, the expectations of the participant are exploited by the Tutors and class scheduled to fit these requirements.

The expectation of our participants is the prime standard, as well as other established professional processes of language study. After all, value for the money to our Participants is what we strive for! Classes could be arranged at the convenience of participants either in their private accommodation, in our professional classrooms, or through the use of other venues as agreed between the tutor and the participant. Our role is to make sure that whatever venue is selected, quality is not compromised.

- One on One Private Chinese Language learning arrangements.
- Classes are available for all manner of participants from Basic beginners to advanced and proficient participants. Remember we know that not all participants are created equally.
- Professionally customized Chinese Study curriculum structure.
- Flexible lesson periods.
- Language partners introduced different from the instructors to boost practice and exposure
- This program includes Travels, excursions and trips to very fascinating tourist sites.
- Different Accommodation options with immersion options'
- Blending with other free programs like teaching (extra money making and cost recouping options), Volunteering, Travel etc

Group Chinese Language Study Programs

Imagine learning Chinese in a multinational environment with participants drawn from all over the world! Now, partner that with the best Specialized Language Institutions licensed by the Chinese governments to teach foreigners, and you have one awesome recipe for bilingual success! Our group Study Abroad lessons ensures participants Study Chinese Language at an accelerated level whilst encountering Chinese culture immersion every day.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- This program is the choice of school for many in the Expat Community who are working in China, as well as Embassy Staff, Chambers of Commerce, International Companies, and International Universities.
- Lessons are arranged in small groups and are made to be very interactive, ensuring learning is fun yet effective!
- Low participant to language instructor ratios
- The target of tutors is equipping participants to master the language within the shortest possible time.
- Maximum of 3 months, enough for mastery in the ability to start and complete conversations successfully
- Participants are assessed rigorously to ascertain their Chinese level and are placed into an appropriate class.
- China Internship Placements provide all learning materials required

University Mandarin Program

Our University Mandarin Programs are professionally fashioned with structured University curriculum to improve and accelerate participants' Chinese language skills. These programs are arranged in partnership with China's most prestigious Universities with state-of-the-art Chinese language study laboratories. These programs are available in China's most vibrant and culturally-aware cities, combining: Cultural Immersion, Oral Lessons and Classroom Interactions carried out by professors and trained tutors.

University Mandarin Program Highlights

Our programs are unique with personalized contents

- Participants are given the opportunity to exploit identified opportunities with our given network base
- Professionally developed with state-of-the-art Language study classes and laboratory visits
- Participants also take part in Chinese Business Studies
- Very flexible with add-on options like Internships, Volunteering, Travel, and Teaching
- Intensify the course with additional study hours to accelerate proficiency



PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- Classes Hours (Dependent on every university)
- Cultural events and activities
- Opportunity to add one-on-one or group study
- Pre-departure information and support
- Visa Acquisition Consultation
- Chinese language study Books with full subscription to libraries
- Accommodation
- Chinese Language Partner
- Business Study Classes inclusive of Business Seminars
- Airport pickup and an introduction to China and your chosen city
- Accommodation in serviced apartments
- Social and cultural events
- Business and Networking events
- Ongoing support from local offices in Shanghai, Beijing and Shenzhen



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UNIVERSITIES INSTITUTIONS

- Beijing Normal University
- Peking University
- Tsinghua University
- Beijing Language And Cultural University
- Fudan University
- Nanjing University
- Jiaotong University
- Shenzhen University



3.1 Gap Year

Excited about college but not quite ready to start? Have you completed High School and looking to get extra global perspective before going to college or you are already enrolled in College but want a Year off? This is an ideal program for you and China is the best destination each year, students across Europe and America are choosing to postpone their traditional academic plans and participate in a gap year experience.

Gap Year Options

There are no rules when it comes to taking a gap year, so the possibilities are truly endless.

Luckily, there are organizations like CIP that specialize in helping students organize this adventures. We assist with everything from finding a host family, to set up the projects, to taking care of meals and travel insurance, airport pickups and your safety all you need is to pack and come to China.

Areas of focus students may choose from for their gap year activities include:.

- Education and teaching;
- Environmental Management;
- Internships and Career Development;
- Chinese Language and Cultural Immersion;
- Traveling and Searching the History of China;
- Volunteering and giving back to society;
- Interacting with other Chinese Young People with equal ambitions.

Why take a Gap Year in China?

- According to David Hawkins, director of public policy and research at the National Association for College Admission Counseling, taking a gap year ...could actually help students succeed in College. since participants may be more focused, mature, and motivated for their undergraduate experience;
- Many students also find that their gap year allows them to help others which is a fulfilling experience;
- Travel with other students and explore China like a local;
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- Enlightening cultural exchange between the student and inhabitants to develop cultural empathy This is essential to understanding the world;
- Developing Language Skills that enhance employability and profile;
- Expanding circle of influence and social contacts. Taking a Gap year in China allows participants to meet people and develop business networks for the future;
- Living with a homestay provides deeper cultural immersion and also develops a family relationship within a country that is becoming the future of the world.

3.2 High School Programs

Learning extends beyond the halls of your high school and the boundaries of your city or hometown. One potentially great way to expand your horizons before you earn your diploma and decide where to attend college is to study abroad in high school. Many students who choose to participate in high school study abroad programs do so during their junior year so as to not miss out on the many events that occur during the senior year.

There are a variety of different programs ranging from summer Chinese Language Camp opportunities to spending the entire academic year or semester in China. This potential opportunity provides students with the chance to make lifelong friends, memories, and experiences to support them throughout the rest of their lives. It is also an opportunity to grow and reason with a global perspective

Why Study Abroad in High School in China

Our High school abroad programs provide life experience;

Enhanced perspective of global occurrences and anchors participants to understand China from a historical and future perspective;

Language skills, and the opportunity for personal development;

When applying to college, graduate school, or even pursuing a career, adding a study abroad experience to your resume may be a great way to enhance your profile;

Essentially, choosing to study abroad provides you with an experience that you would otherwise not be able to have at home;

It allows you to grow psychologically and physically while discovering China;

Spend time living with well-organized Chinese Families who prioritize your experience and cultural immersion.

FINDING THE PERFECT PROGRAM

While we have many study abroad high school programs, we understand that not everyone is keen on spending an entire academic year abroad. That's why there are so many different kinds of programs:

• Summer Chinese Language Programs and Camps: If you do want to spend your junior year abroad, then there are high school abroad programs for that. If you would rather spend your academic year at home, then try Our high school summer options. While it is very short ranging from 2 weeks to 3 months, it is packed with so much experience. Spend your summer living with other participants or with a Chinese Family;

• Intensive Language Study Program: If all you want is to learn a foreign language, then Our intensive language study program will be ideal. Once you know how long you want to stay and what you want to get out of the experience, all you need to do is speak with us and we will arrange all logistics. Our staff have over 10 years panning Programs for Students;

• Semester or Year High School Programs: You will be studying with other Chinese Students to understand the concept of Chinese upbringing. You will make friends, study in the same classroom as other Chinese Students. Improve your Chinese skills and also gain some work experiences during holidays;

• Internships: Aside from Language learning, CIP has several job placements for our high school participants. You will be placed in a typical working environment and mentored;

• **Volunteering:** We allow our participants to also volunteer on various projects lie orphanage; teaching migrant kids to speak English or Elderly care or even raise funds for social projects. You will be trained to fit into these projects;

• **Flexibility:** We allow our participants to combine Internships, Language, Travel and Volunteering.

GET STARTED ON THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

Chances are good that you won't regret choosing to go on study abroad in a Chinese high school. If you've already graduated, the good news is that there are plenty of potential study abroad options for college students and volunteers as well. Get started on this experience of a lifetime by applying.

Click Here to Apply

3.3 Summer Camp

Explore the Chinese culture, visit famous sites in China and learn Mandarin together with other campers from different countries for an exciting and memorable experience!

What can you expect?

 Interactive lessons in classrooms and out of the classroom;

- Vibrant Cultural Activities;
- Extended field trips;
- Real Cultural Immersion;
- Insurance and 24/7 Support.

Why CIP for your Summer Camp

- •Safe and Supportive;
- Fun Fun Fun;
- Professional Teachers who are certified to

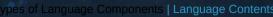
teach Participants to easily understand Mandarin;

• It's a vibrant community.

Age: 12 to 17

Start Dates: First week of June and every 2 weeks a new class starts till September

Duration: We have 2 to 12 weeks





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HSK Program

HSK stands for Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (□□水平考□) or the Chinese proficiency exam. It's an international standardized exam that evaluates the Chinese language abilities of non-native Chinese speakers. There are 6 HSK levels which determine the different stages of a learner's fluency in daily, academic or professional application of the Chinese language.

Which HSK Level to Take?

Normally if you don't have a target, we suggest you aim to pass the HSK 4. HSK 1 and HSK 2 are based on survival Chinese; HSK 3 and HSK 4 are focused on topics related to work, life and study; HSK 5 and HSK 6 are geared towards news, movies, and more work-related topics.

Most Chinese universities and companies require foreign students and staff to get at least HSK 4.

HSK Level	Vocab. Amount	Class Type		
		1-on-1	Intensive Group	Part-time Group
HSK 1	150	30 hrs		
HSK 2	300	30 hrs		
HSK 3	600	90 hrs	Complete 1 level	Complete 1 level
HSK 4	1 200	150 hrs	per 4 weeks	per 16 weeks
HSK 5	2 400	240 hrs		
HSK 6	5 000	240 hrs		

HSK LEVELS

HSK 1

After the first few classes, students should be able to put together basic sentences on topics such as food, transportation, and shopping. Students completing this level will have a vocabulary of approximately 150.

HSK 2

Level 2 will focus on sentence structure, retelling basic stories, and some simple grammar. Students who complete this level should be able to express themselves on a range of everyday topics. They should have a vocabulary of approximately 300.

HSK 3

Students will be able to express opinions on simple topics and explain the reasoning behind their opinions. At this stage, they should be able to use and understand approximately 600

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Students at this level should feel comfortable commenting on a wide range of subjects related to life, study, and work. They should be able to communicate with native Chinese speakers in daily life or while traveling. They should have a vocabulary of around 1 200.

HSK 5

Students will be able to use some idiomatic expressions in Chinese exchanges. They should be able to read simple passages in Chinese and understand the content of Chinese films and TV shows and to use and recognize a vocabulary of approximately 2 500.

HSK 6

Students at this level will be able to talk about nearly any topic, particularly areas of their specialization. They should have strong conversational skills and be able to understand a large portion of the language. They should have mastered a vocabulary of approximately 5 000.

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CIP Advantages

- Good teachers with several years of experience;
- Modern teaching approach combining technology, trips and practical teaching methods;
- Unique Approach to Helping you pass the exams with ease

Where can I study?

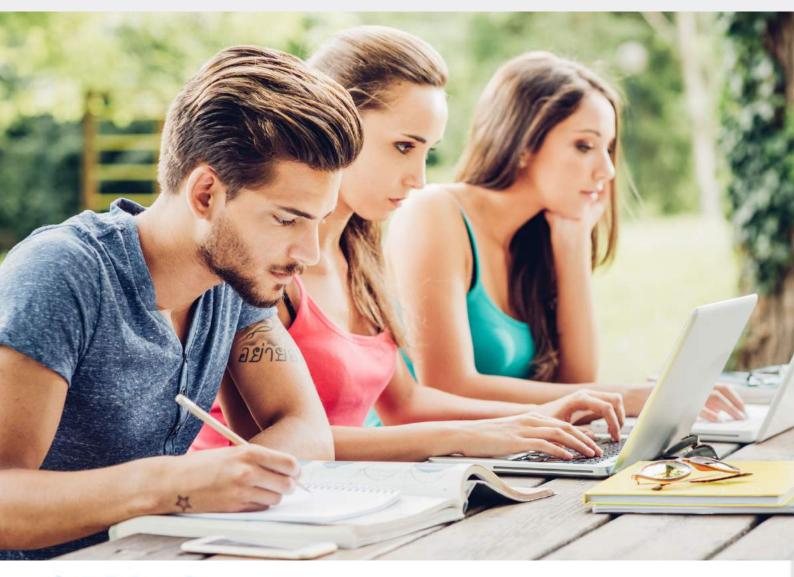
Beijing;

Shanghai;

Shenzhen;

Tianjin;

AVAILABILITY: ALL YEAR ROUND



3.5 Family

Programs

Considering a family trip to learn the Chinese Language? This program is ideal and customized to all families. We welcome all of you to a summer Cultural immersion and life-changing exposure to fresh Chinese culture and welcoming program contents.

All members of the family can attend as we make provision to fit your class schedules and cultural trips.

What can you expect?

- Customized Chinese lessons for the entire family
- Accommodation arranged to fit your expectation
- Customize the experience with travel, cultural activities and much fun
- Visa provided for all members
- Business Tour

How to get started

- A representative of the family should send an email to info@cipinternships.com or fill out any of our application forms
- We will be in touch to support you with the planning process
- We provide all logistics required for the trip including visa documentation
- We pick up the entire family from the airport
- We stick around till the program is ended



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3.6 Homestay

CIP is providing unique culture & language exchange programs for people from all over the globe! Our homestay programs are unique and guarantees cultural immersion. Come prepared to experience China like a local, learn the language, explore, make new friends or even Intern in China

Our unique and unrivalled homestay program have arranged host families for hundreds of participants who are in China to travel, intern, learn Chinese Language, High School Students and Minors. We facilitate unique experiences and cultural insights which you will not get anywhere else in the world. We have a network of over 270 families in Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen and Guangzhou, who are all keen to host you. These families have hosted our participants before

Advantages

- · Complete Support system from the families
- Meals and local dishes;
- You will create a solid home for your China experience;
- These families become your point of contact anytime you are in China. You are developing connections around the world;
- The most affordable yet valuable way to travel in China either to intern, learn Chinese language or travel.

How it works

- Fill up an application form or email us through info@cipinternship.com;
- We will email you to establish a conversation;
- We will take your expectations and plan;
- Match you with the right homestays;
- You will speak with them to confirm your decision;
- Bingo!!! You are welcome to China.

What Can I combine these programs with?

- Homestay + Internship
- Homestay + Chinese language lessons
- Homestay + Travel
- Homestay + Volunteering
- Simply Homestay and cultural immersion



BEIJING SHANGHAI NANJING SHENZHEN

CHINESE STUDY LOCATIONS

Beijing

Beijing is a rich and vibrant environment in which to study abroad in China and fully immerse in a dynamic and exciting culture. To study the Chinese language in Beijing with CIP's program means to go through a thorough process of transformation and experience enhancing moments changing your personality and preparing you to face 21st-century challenges within a global context. Our programs do not only for acquisition of language skills but also grooming participants to be business executives.

Shanghai

CIP's Intensive Chinese Language program in Shanghai sharpens participants' Mandarin language skills, held in one of the most dynamic, fast paced developing cities in the world. No matter your level of Chinese speaking skills, you'll have access to intensive Chinese language lessons, coursework and one-onone classes that places your Chinese language skills on a whole new pedal closer to perfection.

Nanjing

Our Study Abroad in Nanjing Program combines structured intensive Chinese lessons of University standard with Internship programs, immersion and mentoring within one of the best universities in China noted for teaching Mandarin programs. Nanjing University hosts our Study abroad program participants. The Study Abroad program presents golden opportunity to study Chinese language in China given that Nanjing is a home to over 1000 year history hence appropriate for cultural immersion.

When you Study Abroad in Nanjing, it gives you the opportunity to experience and know China into details, aside the classroom lessons participants are given extended weekend trips to cities such as Shanghai, Beijing, Shenzhen, Dalian and some Chinese rural settings. These tour programs are eye-opening segments to experience history in perspective

Shenzhen

Shenzhen is mostly a financial city ranking its place as one of the world's top 10 rising developing cities in the world. Our Study Abroad in Shenzhen program is designed to immerse participants with quickest and surest way to mastering Chinese language through the combination intensive Chinese language Studies, immersion programs and Cultural trips.



Program Components

LANGUAGE SPECIAL PACK

CIP's Language Program comes with very special components intended to add more intensity to the language and speed the process of immersion and language proficiency. It has been our target to make Mandarin Study very attractive and easy. We do this by adding materials and more opportunities for our participants to practice Chinese language given real life situations.

Our language programs have the following extra packages:

Books and other learning accessories

Materials are prescribed and purchased by China Internship Placements Limited at no extra cost.

Language Partner Program

As the best Chinese Language Study Program provider, CIP have in place the Language Partner Program to speed the speaking, writing and listening skills of participants.

Cultural targeted trip and Dinner

Chinese language is best studied in a real life situation and we do not compromise the intricacies of ensuring mastery. CIP's Language department arranges dinner and trips targeted at specific language vocabulary area.

• Library Registration

We register all language participants to Chinese literature libraries to access quality online and hard copy materials on Chinese language study, comprehension and composition. We give orientations about how to use these resources efficiently. There are also audio lessons to be downloaded. All these come at no extra cost.

Join our Chinese Language Programs now and enhance your Chinese language proficiency with lots more.



IMMERSION ACTIVITIES & TRIPS

Immersion is an essential part of our programs we have therefore designed an opportunity for participants to appreciate China through their own lenses not as it is in the news. We combine history and language targeted trips for our Internship participants through selected trips that consolidate what is learnt.

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WE ORGANIZE:

- Kunfu Classes
- Yoga and Tai-chi Classes
- Paper cutting
- Chinese Cuisine lessons
- Bungee Jumps
- Mountain hiking
- Volunteering activities
- Traditional Dinner
- Karaoke Night
- Community Service

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CULTURAL TRIPS

- The Great Wall
- Tiananmen Square
- Summer Palace
- Forbidden City
- Temple of Heaven
- Pudong Street
- Oriental Pearl TV Tower
- Longhua Park





ACCOMMODATION

China Internship Placements fixes accommodations to enhance participants' experience. There are interesting accommodation options to select from. They come with a clean, modern, comfortable, and suitably located. CIP also has very affordable accommodation arrangements purposely to reduce the cost of embarking on our program. Accommodation provision and is included in all our prices covering the entire study and internship duration in China.

Homestay

Homestay accommodation is optimal for deeper cultural immersion and networking. We partner with native Chinese with a well established home to deliver our homestay programs. These families are business owners and entrepreneurs with good reputation in society.

Shared Apartment

Staying with Chinese youngsters and college students, is a sure way to learn Chinese language and get immersed into Chinese culture. Shared apartments are situated in facilities with two bedrooms and our interns occupy one with a Chinese Youngster in the other. We are able to guarantee that privacies will not be violated.

Private Apartment

These are private facilities located at the premium sides of the city with beautiful overviews. Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen and Guangzhou, are cities with beautiful architecture worth viewing at night. Though it comes at an extra cost compared to the above options it posses much flexibility.

Other Options

We have some other accommodation options that are rarely demanded such as Hotel Accommodations and Campus Dormitories. These are equally habitable options and could be arranged on request. The dormitories could be arranged for our high school participants and Intensive Chinese language participants.

Features

- Each participant will have their own private bedroom and share the living area and kitchen facility with the others. This holds for our participants choosing Shared apartment, host family and Hostels but not private apartment
- Access to a gym and other recreational facilities
- All apartments feature Central heating and air conditioning, free internet access, television, Air conditioning, free internet access, as well as washing machines and other basic facilities need to make one feel comfortable.

CIP Accommodation standards could be requested before interview or during application.

CREDITS, TRANSCRIPTS, AND CERTIFICATES

Having successfully completed language study with CIP, a certificate and Transcripts will be issued by our Chinese Language Partner Universities. This is recognized and acceptable by all Universities worldwide. The necessary requirements for completion are outlined on our Partner University pages. We shall also assist with the arrangement of other certificates and attestation. Participants who intern while learning the Chinese language will also be garnished with certificates from Our Host Internship Companies.

How to plan study abroad in China

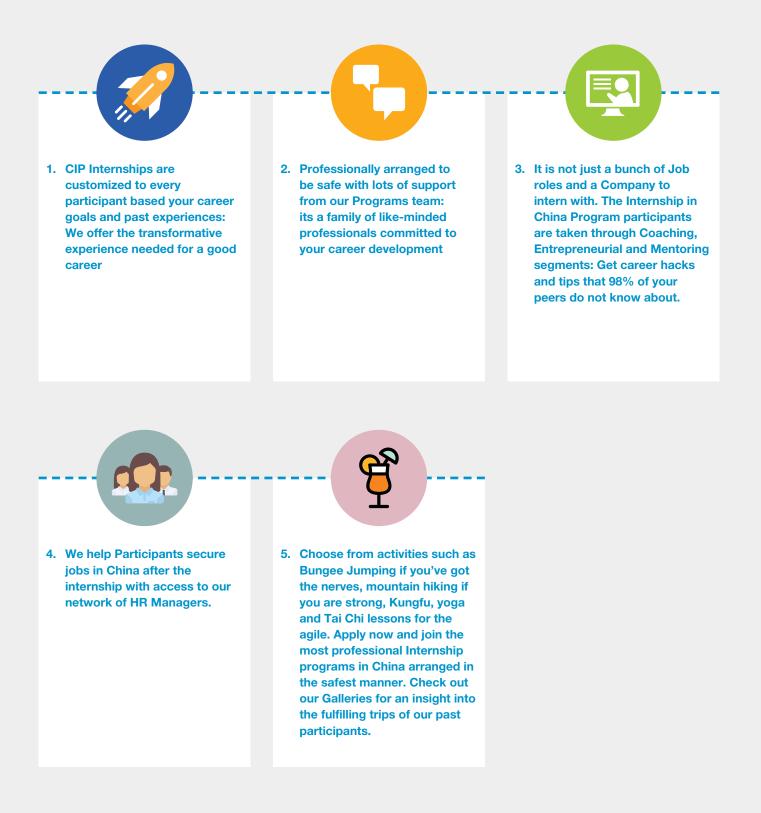
- Define your objective by choosing school program
- Apply to school by submitting application and paying application fee
- Prepare for departure by booking accommodation, visa application and cash
- Prepare your luggage; confirm date for arriving in China and airport pickup
- Enroll in school by registering and settling in

Why you should plan at least 6months earlier

- Save money
- Save time
- Makes scheduling easier
- Gives you something to look forward to
- Leads to less stress and time to relax
- Cost budget



WHY SHOULD YOU GO WITH CIP



We show you something extraordinary: The Mind blowing experience

The decision to study abroad is a tough one to make, but we present opportunities with the requisite staff strength to make it happen. There something extraordinary that happens when you finally decide Study or Intern abroad in China and we present such opportunities. It is a life changing opportunity and you must grab it. We have witnessed a complete transformation of our alumni through their success stories. Why not get transformed to be an International Business Executive? Try Chin Internship Placements limited.

We understand you better!

We are strict to making sure that we understand you better that's why we have selected only staff who have been on study abroad missions and understand what it takes and what matters during study abroad missions. They are able to anticipate what you need and provide it right on time. We combine professional customer service and robust systems to serve you better.

We have you in mind

Starting from our program design, marketing and you application, you are always our top priority in our decisions. We consider this as an opportunity to serve and present future leaders with the request skills to Change the world. Through out our orientation segments, we prepare your mind to fit perfectly. Our placements are solid and all other arrangements are to give you proper sit in China. We do not flaw the accommodations and settling packages. Because you deserve the best, we have 24/7 staff support just for you and our Support staff ration to Participant is 1:2

We will transform you

You are really excellent such that you have been able to get this far with your career and aspirations. We are willing to speed and seal the process that's why we present several opportunities during our program. We intend to make you feel current and updated with how to face current global issues. We position you to take advantages of your time. That is what we are and that's what we are committed to.

We continue to support your decisions months and years after finishing our program what matters is joining the CIP Opportunity Network and you will be introduced to other very brilliant students who are willing to challenge you for the future.

Because we want to transform you, we also present very challenging situations to toughen you for life through.

We will position you

We want you to be placed at an advantageous position to view the world in which everything is possible. We expose you to boost your confidence because we believe that it is only when your confidence is boosted that you will be able to take advantages and opportunities. We want to see you step into higher grounds this is what motivates us and we are committed to it.

We're trusted

We have worked with several high schools and Universities in past churning over 2000 students over the period of 10 years. Our reviews tell it all with almost no negative review online we owe it a responsible to keep you satisfied. Our CEO is dedicated to making sure that all complaints are addressed to him and he faces it head on. We do not shirk responsibilities as that's not why we are here.

Safety and Value Guarantee

We are committed to making sure that you are at the front of issues and you are protected enough to give out your best. If anything happens in the process of going through our transformative Internship and study abroad programs, we make sure you are properly take care of.

We are here forever: Solid going concern

We have been here for the past 10 years and we will be here forever. We have an adequate capital base to remain in business all along. We are committed to making the world a better place and we will continue to innovate and survive.

We give you more

We make sure the prices you pay reward you for the rest of your life. If you discount our prices into the future and the benefits you continue to get from us over the next 10 to 20 years, you will notice that our products are under priced. We do not cut the relationship after the program is ended we continue to update you with opportunities.

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How to convince your parents an internship / Study abroad is a great idea

This has been an issue for most students and prospective interns. Once you've decided that an internship abroad is the way to get your foot in the door and start your new career off right, the only thing that remains to be done is to convince your parents that it's a good idea as well.

Unfortunately, this is often the hardest step towards making your dream internship a reality. But before you write them off as being unsupportive or distrusting; take a minute to put yourself in their shoes.

There are probably a million things they are worried about, from your safety to poor nutrition and a lack of sleep, and as silly as some of their concerns may seem to you, it is important to be understanding of their feelings and try to come up with solutions to some of the problems they foresee.

Here are a couple of tried-and-proven ways (that's right, I tested them myself) to get your parents on your side and banish any unrealistic concerns or expectations:

Do your Homework Well

Going to face your parents and ask for support to study or intern abroad will not be an east task. They are very matured and will know if you are prepared or not. Most students appear before their parents not know what they are going into and for sure, you are assured that they will not agree to this.

What you should do are:

- Research the destination and shed light on why it is ideal to your career. Coming to China, there loads of reasons that will scale you through
- Understand the cost components from Program Components, to Stipends and then Monthly expenses including flight. Don't leave this for them to do as they have loads of issues to figure out. Make their work easier
- Show them you are committed: Saving ahead of time and your willingness to finance part of the cost puts them on pressure to understand you easily. Let them also know you have considered other sources of funding and explain that to them.

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SWALLOW YOUR PRIDE

Whether your parents are helping you out already or not, it's never fun to ask them for more financial support. That said, as painful as it is—it's OK. Remember that you're not alone, and in fact, many, many people are finding themselves in a similar situation right now. An unpaid internship is a good investment in your career—one that will help you gain the experience that you need, get your foot in the door with a company, and make great contacts. But it's still an investment that comes with a price. And that price might be biting the bullet and asking for some help.

Tell your parents well in advance

It can be tempting to put off telling your parents about a possible internship abroad, especially if you know they'll have a strong reaction or be opposed to the idea. However, the longer you wait, the more difficult it will become to tell them, and there's a good chance they'll be rather unhappy about it if you wait until the last possible minute to share the news.

Even before you attend any interviews or start looking for opportunities, you should let your parents know that you are interested in an internship abroad. This gives them time to warm up to the idea and also gives you more time to convince them.

Involve them in the decision making

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying you should let your parents pick out a country and choose the company you'll intern with, but being open about your options and listening to their advice can do a lot to ease their feeling of powerlessness.

Who knows? They may actually have some great suggestions and insights that will help you make your plans, and if not at least you can say you looked at all your options.

Listen to What They Say

Of course, even after you've made a convincing pitch, your parents may still have questions or reservations about you doing unpaid work. Plan on them including their own two cents—and take what they say seriously, and give thoughtful answers to their questions. Sure, they grew up in a different world—one in which unpaid internships weren't the norm—but that doesn't mean they won't have some valid points for you to consider.

Also think about how you might meet them halfway. You could ask them to chip in half of what you need or see if they could give you a loan that you'll pay back once you score a paid job.

Remember to say "Thank you"

While having your parents micro-manage every last detail of your upcoming trip may be the last thing you want, try to remember that they are doing it because they love you and want the best for you. If they are getting involved, it's only because they want to be supportive of your choices and that is something that deserves your gratitude and respect. So swallow your pride and show them that you are grateful for their concern and the help they are offering you.

Go for Plan B

If your parents still aren't thrilled about the idea of financially supporting you through your internship or Study Abroad, that doesn't necessarily mean you need to give up the opportunity. Check with your financial aid office for options it has available, as many colleges give out scholarships, grants, or loans to help students who want to pursue internships.

And if not—and if there's no way you can financially make an internship work—keep in mind that it's not the end of the world. It certainly isn't going to ruin your career path. While it might be painful to give up what seems like an amazing opportunity right now, there are other ways to get good experience, and get a paycheck, too.

Stay in touch as much as possible

Before you set out on your new adventure, make sure you find ways to stay in touch with your parents. One of a parent's main worries is often that they will lose touch with their child, and have no idea what is going on in their life.

This may be true to a certain extent, after all, they will only know as much as you choose to tell them, but have some pity on your poor parents and keep them in the know.

Skype is one of the best ways to stay in touch while working abroad, but there may be other ways as well, like special offers on cheap phone calls, texting and of course, Facebook. Iphone applications also offer newer ways of staying in touch, like Viber, Whatsapp and Facetime.

If your parents know where you're staying, and have an easy way of contacting you and vice versa, they will be much more inclined to consent to your internship abroad.





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