Summer Service Learning Program in Rural China

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What is the SSLP?

• The Summer Service Learning Program to Rural China is a *poverty alleviation* program aimed at providing educational opportunities to those who are underserved in remote and rural areas of China.
Trip Format

• Five Chinese college students are paired with 2-3 American, British or Taiwanese college students
• 3 days orientations & sightseeing in Beijing
• 10-12 days teaching in assigned area
• 1-2 days touring in rural area
• 3 days of debriefing & sightseeing in Beijing
Academic Component

Teaching Clinic
Read & summarize book & article
Research project (10-15 pages)
Research Presentation
Journal in China
What to Expect

• Living conditions
• Diet
• Cross-cultural communication
• Train travel
• Group dynamics
What to bring

• Passport/visa
• Money belt
• Washable, quick-drying clothes
  (or buy inexpensive quick-dry polo shirts in China)
• Cool but *modest* clothing
• Walking shoes / sandals (water proof!)
• Athletic Shoes
• Sports/athletic wear
• A towel
• One pair of dress clothes (dress or shirt & tie)
Costs

• Tuition  3 credits  ($1000 paid to WSU students by CI if completed)
• Airfare $1700 -2300
• Program fee: $885 ($590 in country, $235 visa, $80 health insurance)
• In-country expenses $200 (recommended)

• Confucius Institute contributions toward tuition
• Undergraduate Research Opportunities
• Scholarships (Honor’s College)
Timelines

• Applications due: May 1
• $500 deposit due: May 1
• Teaching, travel & cultural orientations from May