

# China Study Abroad 26th June – 8 July 2011 (departure on the 25th)

## Inside the China Miracle

**\*If you apply and drop out before your deposit is paid, your student account will be charged a \$100 application fee. If you attend the program, you will not be charged.**

(Please type or print neatly)

Do you want a single room for \$850.00? yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want the vegetarian meal option? yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Application Date: \_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_

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### Part I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Female: \_\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_\_\_

Home College / University: \_\_\_\_\_

Master's Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number: ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone number: ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile number (if available): ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (If a GMU student, you must use your GMU email): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

GMU ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (M/D/YR): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Country

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Expiration date (M/D/YR): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears exactly on your passport \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

If non-U.S. citizen, Visa type: \_\_\_\_\_

You are responsible for finding out if you need a VISA, and if so, for getting one. You are responsible for acquiring your own VISA and making sure you have the appropriate documents to leave and reenter the country. There will be no reimbursements for not receiving your VISA in time. So, don't delay in acquiring one. PLEASE NOTE: You will only need a tourist VISA, NOT a student VISA.

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**Part II: EMERGENCY CONTACTS** (two names and addresses are required)

1. Emergency Contact name and address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Emergency Contact name and address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Part III: ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

If you are not a GMU student, you need to also complete the quick admit form (unless you are NOT taking the trip for credit) and turn it in with this application. Both forms can be found on the program website.

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**Part V: HEALTH STATEMENT**

In compliance with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, answers to the following questions will help the GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY-The School of Public Policy assure that applicants' dietary and/or medical needs can be reasonably accommodated while they are abroad. Study abroad programs can be physically and emotionally demanding. Based on the nature of an applicant's responses to the questions in this section, the School of Public Policy may wish to consult with George Mason University's Office of Disability Support Services (DSS), as well as the ADA Specialist in the University Equity Office. In addition, an applicant may be asked to provide documentation about his/her medical condition. Once provided, this documentation, as well as the information provided below, will be stored in the Office of Disability Support Services. The information will remain confidential and will not be released to individuals outside of The School of Public Policy, the Office of Disability Support Services and the University Equity Office without the applicant's permission.

Please note: Based on the medical information submitted by the applicant, the School of Public Policy may require a "fitness for travel and program participation letter" from an applicant's physician. The School may decline an application for study abroad if it determines that a student's health needs cannot be reasonably accommodated.

Health insurance is mandatory to participate in the China Study Program. Please provide a copy of your health insurance basic coverage as an attachment to this application.

Do you have health insurance? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (If you answered "No," you must purchase international travel health insurance to cover you during the dates of our trip.). **MAKE SURE YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACTS LISTED ALSO HAVE YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION**

Health Insurance Provider Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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| A. Are you able to participate in the full-time academic activities?                  | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| B. Do you have any special diet (food or other)?                                      | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| C. Do you have any food allergies?  | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| D. Are you currently undergoing treatment (physical or psychological) for any reason? | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| E. Are you pregnant or do you have any reason to suspect you might be?                | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| F. Are you taking any medication? (if so, please explain below)                       | Yes _____ | No _____ |

- G. Have you ever had surgical operation or be advised to have one? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- H. Have you ever had allergies to medicine? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- I. Do you have a medical condition that prevents you from carrying luggage, adjusting to a change in diet, traveling for long periods of time, or otherwise participating in a study abroad program? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- J. Blood type? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last tetanus vaccine (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered “yes” to questions B through J, please indicate which question and explain below. You may continue explanations on an additional sheet. Please label the page “Health Statement Continuation”:

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Please provide your family physician or health care provider’s name, address and telephone number:

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**Part VII: RELEASE AND AGREEMENT FOR THE MEXICO PROGRAM**

**AGREEMENT**

The following agreement is designed to protect all participating in George Mason University’s School of Public Policy’s study abroad program, including students, non-students and faculty members. You, as a participant, must sign at the end of this form to indicate agreement and permission to participate.

\_\_\_\_\_ (“participant”) enters into this agreement with the School of Public Policy, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-4444 with the following mutual agreement.

**SECTION A: TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**1. Participant Records.** The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of a participant’s educational records. In compliance with the act, no one outside George Mason University shall have access to, nor will the George Mason University—The School of Public Policy disclose any information from a participant’s educational records without the written consent of the participant, except to personnel within the University who have a need-to-know,

to officials of the institutions in which the participant seeks to enroll in, to officials of the participant's home college or university, to persons in compliance with a judicial order, to the parents, guardians, next of kin of a dependent participant, and to persons in an emergency in order to protect the health or safety of the participant or other persons.

**2. Standards of Conduct for Participants Studying Abroad.** Persons admitted to the China Study Program are required to comply with George Mason University rules and regulations as well as those of the host institution. Participants in the Program are also expected to adapt to the host country customs, to show maturity and reasonable discretion without specific regulations to govern each contingency. Accordingly, each participant is required to assume full responsibility for his or her own behavior and conduct and for careful use of facilities made available and/or entrusted to him or her. The use of drugs or unprescribed chemical substances will not be tolerated under any circumstances. While in the host country, participants are subject to the host country's laws. It is the responsibility of each participant to know and comply with the host country laws, to assume responsibility and potential liability in all matters, in particular in matters of compliance with regulations concerning the consumption of alcoholic beverages; and further, to help prevent any abuse or excesses stemming from the use of alcoholic beverages. Participants are reminded of their general responsibility for the safety and welfare of one another. It is understood and agreed that should a participant elect to remain overseas at the location of the Program or elsewhere after the Program, George Mason University will cease to act as a sponsor of the participant. George Mason University—The School of Public Policy reserves the right to dismiss from the China Study Program any participant whose conduct or continued presence interferes with or threatens to interfere with the rights or well-being of the participant, the academic community of the host institution, or any other persons. Once on the China Study Program, this decision may be made by the Program Director or Program Coordinator. Any additional transportation expenses incurred as a result of early departure are the responsibility of the participant. Any participant thus dismissed immediately ceases to be a participant in the China Study Program, and loses all benefits and forfeits any academic credit and any fees paid.

**3. Financial Obligations.** Participants [and or guardians or next of kin if applicable] agree to discharge all indebtedness or obligations to George Mason University School of Public Policy before the conclusion of the academic year, or at any other specified date according to any other written and signed agreements made with George Mason University School of Public Policy Director on an individual basis. The undersigned hereby assume, jointly and severally, full responsibility for, and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless George Mason University School of Public Policy, their employees, representatives and agents [including any education institution in the host country, any host family, any pension or lodging] from and against any and all claims for loss, damage or injury to person or property sustained by the participant or any of the person or organization, by whatever cause (including any act or omission, negligent or otherwise, on the part of any person or organization) arising out of or relating to the participants participation in the China Study Program. In furtherance, and not limitation of the foregoing, the undersigned agrees to reimburse, indemnify and hold harmless George Mason University and George Mason University School of Public Policy against any bills, fines, returned unpaid checks or any financial claims or penalties relating to the participants enrollment in the China Study Program that may be submitted to The School of Public Policy following the participants departure from the host country of the Program. Any financial obligations or deposits made by The School of Public Policy or George Mason University, on behalf of or for the benefit of the participant, will be the responsibility of the participant if they voluntarily or involuntarily withdraw from the Program. All deposits made are nonrefundable. No reimbursement for any of the program fees for withdrawing from the program, for whatever reason, will be granted after April 30, 2011. The indemnification obligation described in this paragraph also shall include any legal fees, and expenses incurred in connection with any claims or debt.

Participants understand and agree that failure to discharge and indebtedness or obligation relating to the China Study Program will result in the withholding of their course transcript in addition to any and all other remedies.

**4. Program Changes or Termination.** I understand that the University reserves the right to make cancellations, changes or substitutions in cases of emergency, low enrollment, changed conditions or in the interest of the group. Should the university cancel the Program, full refund of tuition and program fees will be made unless the cancellation is due to political, natural, technological, or other catastrophe beyond its control in which case the University will be able to refund only uncommitted and/or recoverable funds. I understand that any refunds made for programs or payments made to the University will be in accordance with published university policies for the academic year in which the Program occurs, unless otherwise stated.

**5. Insurance Coverage.** I understand that the University requires that all participants be covered by appropriate medical insurance and that all participants be financial responsible for such expenses. I agree to provide The School of Public Policy information regarding my insurance coverage and how that insurance applies abroad, including a copy of the policy and the policy number for information purposes only. The university requires participants planning to operate a motor vehicle overseas to have the required drivers license for the host country and to obtain liability and collision insurance covering them in the applicable foreign countries at the participants expense. Participants are recommended to insure their personal property from loss or theft.

**6. Medical Treatment.** I understand that while I am overseas an emergency may develop which necessitates medical care, hospitalization or surgery. Where possible, a program agent will contact my parents, guardians or next of kin prior to such treatment. However, this may not be practical depending upon the nature of the emergency. Therefore, I authorize the university through a program agent to secure administration of any anesthesia and surgery. I understand that such treatment shall be solely at my expense, which it might incur on account of my injury or treatment.

**7. Withdrawal.** I agree to pay for all costs arising out of my voluntary or involuntary withdrawal from the Program prior to its completion for whatever reason, including withdrawal caused by illness, not receiving a VISA or the proper documentation to enter China or disciplinary action, as set forth above. Any financial obligations or deposits made by The School of Public Policy or George Mason University, on behalf of or for the benefit of the participant, will be the responsibility of the participant if they voluntarily or involuntarily withdraw from the program. I agree to abide by the terms of the financial obligation, refund, withdrawal and cancellation policies set forth by The School of Public Policy. I agree that I (including my parents, guardians or next of kin) shall not assert claims for or hold the university, its trustees, employees, officers, or agents responsible for any costs or losses resulting from such events.

**8. Authority of Program Director.** I recognize the China Study Program Director and the Program Coordinator as the University's designated authority in matters pertaining to my compliance with the norms of prudence and the laws of the United States and the host country. In particular, I recognize their authority to dismiss me from the Program if I use illegal drugs and/or excessive alcohol, or if I engage in conduct, which, in their opinion, may endanger myself or others and/or is detrimental to the Program. I forfeit my right to participate further in the Program.

**9. Reservation of Right.** George Mason University will endeavor to adhere to all arrangements made but nevertheless reserves the right to cancel or alter any parts of the Program should unforeseen circumstances make this advisable.

**10. Force Majeure.** GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and their officers, employees and agents, will not be responsible for any delay or failure in performance resulting from any cause beyond their control, including without limitation: war strikes or labor disputes, civil disturbances, fires, natural disasters, and acts of God.

**11. Assignment.** Neither party shall assign or otherwise transfer its rights or delegate its obligations under this agreement without both parties prior written consent. Any attempt assignment, transfer or delegation without such consent shall be void.

**12. Waiver.** The failure of a party to enforce any provision of this agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such right.

**13. Severability.** Any provision of this agreement which is prohibited by, or unlawful or unenforceable under Virginia law, shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition, without invalidating the remaining provisions of this agreement.

**14. Choice of Law and Forum.** This agreement shall be construed, governed and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. All disputes arising under this agreement shall be brought before a proper state or federal court in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**15. Entire Understanding.** This agreement expresses the entire understanding and all agreements of the parties. Neither party has made or shall be bound by any agreement or representation to the other party, which is not expressly set forth herein.

#### **SECTION B: RELEASE**

**General Release.** I understand that participation in the China Study Program is entirely voluntary and that any program of travel involves some element of risk. I understand that I will assume the risk and recognition and appreciation of the dangers, hazards, and risks of studying abroad, which dangers include but are not limited to transportation, delays and accidents; inadequate housing; foreign laws that are more rigidly enforced than in the United States; contracting serious or deadly indigenous diseases such as hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid fever, HIV and aids, malaria, and yellow fever; being a victim during a civil disorder or terrorist attack; natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes and tropical storms, mudslides, flooding, and volcanic eruptions which could include serious or even mortal injuries and property damage. Further, I understand the University may have minimal influence to intercede on my behalf in the event that I violate the law. I agree that in partial consideration of George Mason University sponsoring this activity and permitting the participant to participate, I (including my parents, guardians or next of kin) will not attempt to hold George Mason University, its trustees, officers, employees or agents liable in damages for any injury, death, or loss to person or property sustained by me while participating in or arising out of any travel or activity conducted by or under the auspices of The School of Public Policy.

I hereby grant permission to George Mason University the absolute and irrevocable right and permission, with respect to photographs, videos, comments, and audio recordings, taken or made of me and /or comments made by me or in which I may be included with others; to use, re-use, and publish the same in whole or in part in any and all media including use on the world wide

web, now or hereafter, and for any purpose whatever for illustration, promotion, art, recruitment, publication, advertising, and trade, and if appropriate, to use my name.

I hereby grant permission to George Mason University to distribute my name, email address, and other pertinent trip information to other trip participants/ classmates via email and group emails.

**By signing this form, you also agree, for yourself, your heirs and assigned, to release and hold harmless George Mason University, its trustees, its employees, and agents from any legal claim or liability for any bodily injury and personal property damage that is caused to you by the negligent act or omission of George Mason University, its trustees, its employees, and agents while you are participating in the China Study Program.**

I/we confirm that I/we have read and understand these terms and conditions and agree to be bound by them. I hereby apply for admission to the China Study Program for the period approximately starting June 2011 and July 2011. I agree, if admitted to the China Study Program, to accept the supervision and authority of the George Mason University School of Public Policy Directors throughout my association with the China Study Program, and to conform to the group regulations and to conduct myself as a responsible representative of my college and country.

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Participant Signature

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Date

To submit your application and hold your space for a study abroad trip, you must submit your application by email to [abroad@gmu.edu](mailto:abroad@gmu.edu). By submitting your application online, you agree to all the terms and conditions stated in the application. Questions should be emailed to [mmcelwai@gmu.edu](mailto:mmcelwai@gmu.edu).