



My name is Peter Zhang, a finance student at CSULA, I am here to inform you a great opportunity to see the world and expand your social network.

Last year, I participated in the Peking University study abroad program. While studying abroad, I have been given the opportunity to further my academic study in Beijing, China. There are a variety of programs to choose from: some immerse you directly in a foreign culture and language, while others ease you into a culture shock with support services designed specifically for study abroad students. I have chosen the CSU China program, because under this program I can study my major rather than just a second language. This is extremely important for most students because unlike other programs the CSU IP – Peking University, Guanghua School of Management allows me to continue with my progress toward graduation. Upon completion of the program all the credits will be transfer back to the home campus so I don't waste a year.

As business major students we should prepare ourselves for leadership roles by venturing into foreign territory. Immersion in an exciting new

culture pushes you to step outside your comfort zone. Plus, the broader global perspective you gain will inform your future career as well as your approach to life.

With so many unique programs, it may be easy to find a good fit for your personality and goals. Our International Program Office in the Student Union will guide you through all the steps of the application. You can also consult with Jennifer Amaya, the IP director for different programs. Each program has its advantages but the CSU IP program offers a resident director in the host country. In addition, you will pay your tuition as if you are still attending CSU and receiving financial aid while abroad. There are plenty of scholarship and fund that support students going abroad so if you take your time to apply you will be awarded.

The program will also arrange many travels so you get to see the entire country. Take this opportunity to expose yourself to the world. Branch out and learn about different places, different cultures and people. Not only could you surround yourself with a new network of global friends, but you may learn about yourself by indulging in a new and exciting lifestyle. Globalizing yourself may also help you understand how you, as an individual, fit into this world.

Study abroad will expand your academic, social, and spiritual development through intercultural learning. The experience broadens your perspective and heightens your compassion for global issues. You'll become more aware of ways you can make a difference in the world.