

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON • NEW ZEALAND

## INTERCULTURAL LEADERSHIP SUMMER COURSE



### An English-intensive leadership programme for students from China and New Zealand

*A unique opportunity for Chinese undergraduate students who have a strong interest in leadership and at least an intermediate knowledge of English to engage with different international leadership topics. This year's programme builds on the highly successful inaugural 2013 programme.*

**O**UR WORLD IS A CHANGING PLACE – a place where information and communication know no borders, and where local events have global consequences. The welfare and security of humanity depends upon responsible action, both individual and communal. This dynamic environment requires us to be equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to address the challenges of tomorrow.

The Intercultural Leadership Summer Course (ILSC) – an English-intensive programme for students from China and New Zealand – addresses

these challenges by enhancing student understanding of leadership in the context of global citizenship.

The four-week programme will cover themes related to international leadership, cross-cultural communication and understanding, the environment and sustainability, regional challenges and global connectedness.

Through the ILSC, participants will be exposed to New Zealand culture and connect with Victoria University students through various activities. The

programme encourages students from both countries to reflect on the respective places of their societies in the rapidly changing Asia-Pacific region. The programme aims to develop students' intercultural and cross-cultural competence.

The ILSC will establish a framework for thinking about global leadership challenges through seminars, reflective journaling, hands-on workshops and social activities. Participants will be encouraged to approach global and regional issues from different angles, including reading background materials provided by seminar facilitators, discussing topics in groups, debating current issues and applying the key concepts to written reflections and a group project.

This year's programme will include several field trips in the Greater Wellington region, a weekend study trip to Rotorua and a model APEC forum.

Students will receive a course outline before their arrival in Wellington. Upon completion of the programme, students will receive a grade and be awarded a certificate of participation from Victoria University.







## SELECTION CRITERIA

Students invited to participate in the ILSC will be selected by their home institution as well as Victoria University, based on the following criteria:

- + overall academic merit;
- + intermediate knowledge of English (minimum score equivalent to IELTS 5.5 / TOEFL 525); and
- + demonstration of interest in global leadership challenges (assessed through an essay).

## DATES & COSTS

The four-week programme will run from Tuesday 14 January to Saturday 8 February 2014. We recommend arriving in Wellington during the afternoon on Monday 13 January. The check-out date will be on Saturday 8 February.

A maximum of 30 student places are available.

The costs of the four-week programme for 2014 are outlined below, in New Zealand dollars:

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| + Accommodation and meals         | \$1,050          |
| + Rotorua study trip              | \$700            |
| + Programme*                      | \$1,850          |
| + <b>TOTAL costs per person**</b> | <b>NZ\$3,600</b> |

*\*Includes medical and travel insurance (Studentsafe package), airport transfers, programme materials, English language component, leadership component, local sightseeing and activities.*

*\*\*Note that these costs are current at the time of issue of this agreement, but that any increases beyond the control of the University will be passed on directly to students.*

For information on Studentsafe insurance, see [www.studentassist.co.nz/sf\\_university.asp](http://www.studentassist.co.nz/sf_university.asp)

Note that the above costs do NOT include:

- + international airfare to and from Wellington, and travel visa costs;
- + public transport in and around Wellington – approximately \$25 per week;
- + entertainment – approximately \$40 per week;
- + personal spending (snacks, toiletries, international phone calls, etc) – approximately \$30 per week.

A highlight of the ILSC is a weekend study trip to Rotorua. Experience a slice of New Zealand life: visit a working farm, take part in a Māori cultural experience, soak in thermal hot pools and enjoy some exciting adrenalin activities.

## ABOUT VICTORIA

Victoria University of Wellington is located in New Zealand's dynamic capital city. Victoria is a comprehensive university, and was recently ranked as New Zealand's leading research university. The University was established in 1899, making it among the oldest universities in New Zealand.

Victoria combines the benefits of a long and distinguished tradition of academic excellence with innovation and a strong sense of commitment to serving the needs of students and the community in the new millennium.

## VICTORIA'S LINKS WITH CHINA

Victoria aspires to be New Zealand's most internationally engaged university. In particular, the University has a strong commitment to positive and innovative engagement with China and the dynamic Asia-Pacific region.

As part of this commitment, the University has been developing a range of multi-faceted links with China based on strong, mutually beneficial partnerships to enhance opportunities for staff, students and stakeholders.

Some of Victoria's links which promote New Zealand – China understanding include:

- + China-focused academic programmes across a variety of disciplines;
- + student and staff exchange programmes and joint programmes with key Chinese institutions, including a double degree programme (MIR and

MPP) between Victoria and Peking University's School of Government;

- + research and cultural exchange through Victoria-based centres such as the New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre, a Confucius Institute (partnered with Xiamen University), and the Centre for Strategic Studies;
- + reciprocal China New Zealand Field Study for undergraduate students with the Chinese University of Political Science and Law in the area of Political Science and International Relations;
- + Exchange partners with leading Chinese universities;
- + other forms of scholarly, diplomatic and developmental engagement.

The proposed intercultural programme for promising young Chinese and New Zealand leaders is a key part of Victoria's strategy of partnership-building with one of our key Asian neighbours. It is based on the premise that long-term mutual understanding must involve greater interaction between young people from both countries.

## FIND OUT MORE

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