

## University of Alberta Summer Program for Zhejiang University

#### Edmonton, Alberta, Canada Summer 2009

This summer, the University of Alberta (UofA) is pleased to host students from Zhejiang University to explore the academic resources of the UofA while at the same time, introducing students to a rich and diverse experience of Canada and Canadian culture.



Arts Building, University of Alberta



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## Where is the University of Alberta?

The University of Alberta is in the city of **Edmonton** in the province of **Alberta**, located in **Western Canada.** 

Edmonton is the capital city of Alberta and is a modern city that is home to more than one million people. Edmonton is situated amidst a plethora of natural beauty, including the majestic **Rocky Mountains**.



#### Facts about the University of Alberta

- The UofA was founded in 1908
- There are over **37,000 students**, including **3,300 international students** from 130 different countries
- The UofA is one of Canada's leading research and teaching institutions, with more than **\$490 million** in external research funding
- It is home to Canada's second largest research library system
- The UofA is distinguished by a number of state of the art research facilities, including the National Institute for Nanotechnology, the Mazanowski Alberta heat Institute, and the Agri-Food Discovery Place
- The Times World University Rankings 2008 placed the UofA 74<sup>th</sup> worldwide
- The UofA's programs in **Sciences** and **Biomedicine**, and **Technology** were ranked among the **top 50 in the world**
- The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research offers more than **170** graduate program in over **300** potential fields of research



Edmonton Skyline and River Valley

### What will the program offer?

#### **Daily English Seminars**

- To provide students with an introduction to the academic and social vocabulary used in academia in the Canadian context
- The students will be given guidance in developing their personal research statement, which is required for applications to graduate school



UofA Student teaching a class



Alexander Rutherford Library

#### **Academic Seminars**

- Will give an overview of Canada: its history, culture, environment, and the political and economic climate
- Offer an exploration of the current research at the UofA
- Include presentations by University of Alberta experts who will offer a Canadian perspective on various issues in Alberta, Canada, and internationally

### An Exploration of Life as a Graduate Student at the University of Alberta

- Students will be able to take a campus tour
- There will be opportunities to sit in on a UofA class
- Students will visit research labs and meet with graduate program coordinators as per their areas of interest
- Students will have the opportunity to meet with current UofA students to discuss life as a graduate student



A UofA graduate student



A UofA Engineering student

# A Chance to Experience Canadian Culture & Edmonton, Alberta

Students will be able to experience Canadian culture firsthand, with various fieldtrips to the attractions and sights around Edmonton and Alberta.



Alberta's Rocky Mountains



The world famous West Edmonton Mall

### A Way to Meet New People

With various social events, you can participate in many opportunities to interact with students, faculty, and staff at the UofA, and there will be chances to make lots of new friends from Canada and all over the world.



The Alberta Legislature Building

#### **Program Includes:**

- A 15 day academic program will all instruction, arrangements, and administrative support
- Airport pickup-drop off
- Accommodation
- Breakfast
- Field trips, including a 2 night stay in Alberta's Rocky Mountains and a day trip to the world famous Royal Tyrell Museum in Drumheller
- Guest access to the facilities at the University of Alberta, including access to internet (and a wireless network)

#### Some Important Things to Consider:

#### **Canadian Customs Regulations**

Detailed information about customs regulations is available from the Canadian Embassy, or Consulate in China.

- You can bring a reasonable quantity of clothing, books, and other items for your personal use into the country
- Limited amounts of tobacco and alcohol are permitted
- Canadian voltage is 110 volts, 60 Hertz

#### Before You Leave For Edmonton

#### Summer Climate (June-August)

- Edmonton's summer temperature ranges from +20 degrees C to +33 degrees C
- During the summer, there are usually between 12-16 hours of daylight per day, allowing lots of opportunity to be outdoors



Whyte Avenue in Edmonton

#### Clothing

- You do not have to bring winter clothes for summer months however, the Rocky Mountains tend to be a little bit cooler than Edmonton (average temperature is +15 degrees C), so you may want to bring a few warmer pieces of clothing
- Summer evenings in Edmonton can be cool, so bring a light sweater, fleece, or light coat
- Be sure to bring footwear suitable for walking long distances (running shoes or hiking boots)
- There will be 1 or 2 semi-formal events such as the orientation and closing dinners that will require more formal clothing than blue jeans and t-shirts. Please bring at least 1 outfit that you can wear for these more formal events

#### Money

- Be sure to have at least \$100 CND in cash when you first arrive
- A currency exchange service is available at the Edmonton airport from 10am-10pm
- Please make sure to have enough cash, travelers cheques, or bank drafts for your personal spending for the entire 3 weeks you will be here



Royal Tyrell Museum in Drumheller, Alberta

#### For Further Information Please Visit:

University of Alberta http://www.ualberta.ca/

University of Alberta International <u>http://www.international.ualberta.ca/</u>

Canadian Border Service Agency http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/noncaneng.html

Edmonton Tourism & Travel http://www.discoveredmonton.com/

The Royal Tyrell Museum http://www.tyrrellmuseum.com/



HUB International Mall and Residence, University of Alberta

#### Questions or Concerns? Please Contact:

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