



## **Zhejiang University Summer Program at University of Alberta** Summer 2009

### **University of Alberta**

Located in the provincial capital city of Edmonton, the University of Alberta is one of Canada's leading research and teaching institutions, with more than \$490 million in external research funding and Canada's second largest research library system.

Founded in 1908, the U of A is home to over 37,000 students, including more than 3,300 international students from 130 different countries. The University of Alberta is distinguished by a number of state-of-the-art research facilities, including the National Institute for Nanotechnology, the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute, and the Agri-Food Discovery Place.

The Times World University Rankings 2008 placed the University of Alberta 74<sup>th</sup> worldwide. Furthermore, our programs in Sciences and Biomedicine, as well as Technology, were ranked among the top 50 in the world. The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research offers more than 170 graduate programs in over 300 potential fields of research

Not only does the University of Alberta have some of Canada's top academic programs, we offer a great campus life in a major city, with the majestic Rocky Mountains only a few hours away and most prestigious universities

### **Zhejiang Summer Program Content**

The University of Alberta is pleased to host Zhejiang University students to explore the academic resources of the University of Alberta while at the same time introducing students to a rich and diverse experience of Canada and Canadian culture.

Through daily English seminars students will explore academic vocabulary unique to the day's program with the goal of enhancing students' confidence in engaging in academic and social discussions. Students will also work on a personal statement of research intent – this is a standard requirement of most graduate school applications and students will leave the UofA summer program with a statement suitable for submitting to graduate programs.

Academically the summer program will provide students with the opportunity to observe a Canadian classroom and to engage in daily lectures and discussions on Canadian politics, economy, advanced research topics of the University of Alberta and current affairs. Students will have the opportunity to meet with faculty and students in their area of study to fully explore the research facilities and opportunities available at the University of Alberta.

An exciting program of cultural activities is planned including a trip to the Rocky Mountains and the world famous Royal Tyrell Museum in Drumheller to explore Alberta's rich paleontology history.

Tentative schedule

Date	Academic Activity	Cultural Activity
Week 1	<p>Language: Daily seminar (1.5 hours) will explore academic and social vocabulary and will provide introduction to academic culture and Canadian graduate studies.</p> <p>Academic seminars: Canadian Politics/Economy In addition to daily lectures (1.5 hours) activities might also include discussion with Alberta government on labour needs of province.</p> <p>Classroom observations: Students will have an opportunity to sit in on a University of Alberta class.</p>	<p>Arrival: Airport welcome, transfer to dormitory, orientation</p> <p>Tour: Recycling Plant, Newspaper</p> <p>Weekend – Day trip to Drumheller and Royal Tyrell Museum</p>
Week 2	<p>Language: Daily seminar 1.5 hours – by end of week students will have prepared draft research statement for review.</p> <p>Academic Seminars: University of Alberta research topics – current research will be profiled in daily lectures</p> <p>Graduate research themes – students will visit research labs and meet with graduate program coordinators as per their areas of interest.</p>	<p>Tour: Alberta Legislature, Fort Edmonton, McTaggart Collection</p> <p>Weekend – Rocky Mountains – 2 night trip</p>
Week 3	<p>Language: Daily seminar – by end of week students will have final individual research statement that can meet needs of applications for graduate studies</p> <p>Academic Seminars: Topics in current affairs – UofA experts will present daily lectures on the current critical issues in Alberta and Canada and will provide the Canadian perspective on select international issues.</p> <p>Student Conversations – participants will have opportunity of meeting with current UofA students to discuss life as a graduate student.</p>	<p>Tour: City Hall</p> <p>Closing dinner</p> <p>Weekend – depart Edmonton</p>

**Suggested Dates**

The program will run July 13 -31. Participants should plan to arrive in Edmonton on July 12 and plan to depart Edmonton on August 1.

Depending on preference of Zhejiang University the program could also be offered July 19 – August 6.

**Housing/Meals**

Students will live in University dormitory residences with 2 students per room. Each floor of the residence includes a shared bathroom, common area and kitchenette. Dormitory accommodation includes breakfast each day but students will be responsible for their own lunch and dinner. The estimated costs to student for the additional meals for 3 weeks is \$200-\$250. If Zhejiang wishes that the cost of dinner and lunch are included in the cost of the program this could be facilitated in the common dining room but would increase the cost per student by approximately \$400. From experience students prefer to have flexibility in their meal options including self catering some meals.

**Proposed Program Costs**

The cost of the program would be \$55000 (Canadian) for up to 25 students. Each additional student to a maximum of 40 students would be \$2200 per student.

The costs include

- 15 day academic program will all instruction, arrangements and administrative support
- Airport pickup-drop off
- Housing (double occupancy)
- Breakfast
- Field trips including 2 night trip to Rocky Mountains and day trip to Drumheller.