

❖ Project Proposal is an important part of your application and Summer Field Studies, please read the following very carefully.

A. *On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions in typed Chinese characters (1,000 words or more):*

Part 1: Explain your previous study abroad experience in China, in particular language and cultural understanding.

Part 2: Why do you want to return to China and what do you expect to achieve?

B. *On another sheet of paper, please provide your project proposal in English. The proposal should be no longer than three pages and should include the following sections.*

1. The topic of your proposal should focus on the following points:

- Focus on personal experience regarding a particular aspect of the US education system
- Try to think of something that Chinese educators would find useful or informative
- Use plentiful and specific examples, illustrations, demonstration to make your points as clear as possible
- Make sure to relate your presentation to overall educational goals that you believe one should achieve in a society: academic achievement, intellectual development, creativity, leadership, critical thinking skills, personal growth, life learning skills, etc.

➤ **Topics for the proposal can include but are not limited to:**

- Why I am interested in Chinese Culture
- Most meaningful learning experience in a US school (k-16)
- Ethnic and racial diversity in US schools
- Differences between public and private schools in the US
- Building self-confidence in a classroom setting
- SAT and other standardized tests
- Education policy and its impact (For example, No Child Left Behind Act)
- College practices for environment protection
- The variety of school-based extracurricular activities
- Development of foreign language skills in US school
- Community services and volunteering in the US
- Development of personal skills
 - Ability to learn independently
 - Ability to summaries information
 - Ability to communicate and work in a group
 - Analytical ability
 - Problem solving ability
 - Creative and critical thinking

2. Presentation methods and procedures.

How do you plan to present your project to others? i.e. PowerPoint, Pictures, Video.

3. The potential impact of participating in this program on your personal life?

4. What do you hope to gain from your participation in this program? i.e. cultural understanding etc.
What do you hope to give back to the Chinese people that you meet throughout your experience?

❖ **Sample Topics**

"My Hometown School- A Remote American Rural School"

"How American Teachers Develop Minority Students' Motivation for Learning"

"The Influence of Standardized Test of American Public Schools"

"How American Schools Develop Students' Creativities"

"How American Teachers Develop Students' Independent Learning Abilities-The Influences of Classroom Decorations, Teaching Activities, Subject Design"

"Problems of American Low-Income Communities' in Early Childhood Education and Solution"

"How American Schools Develop Students' Learning Interests by Using Extracurricular Activities"

"How American High Schools and Colleges Develop Students' Creativities and Critical Thinking"

"Introducing a Non-Traditional Education in America—Home School"