

Introduction to 2025 Artificial Intelligence and Sustainability Programme

Of Zhi-Xing China: Global Youth Leadership Fellowships

To enhance dialogue and friendship between Chinese and foreign youth, deepen young people's understanding of China, and cultivate future leaders who will promote global friendship, peace and sustainable development, the China Education Association for International Exchange has launched "Zhi-Xing China: Global Youth Leadership Fellowships", providing a diverse platform for young people worldwide to showcase their talents and engage in exchange and dialogue.

In 2025, the programme, hosted by Xidian University, will focus on the theme of "Artificial Intelligence and Sustainable Development." The project will invite **30 outstanding young leaders** (25 international and 5 Chinese) to visit and study in **Xi'an and Beijing from June 29 to July 8**. In the lectures, roundtable discussions, corporate visits and cultural activities, participants will gain insights into China's political and economic landscape, traditional culture and modern technological advancements. They will also explore AI technologies and applications while discovering China's efforts in sustainable development.

The following expenses are included in this programme:

1. Domestic transportation within China, including:
 - (1) Airport pickup in Xi'an, China
 - (2) Airport drop-off in Beijing, China
 - (3) Domestic transportation from Xi'an to Beijing via high-speed rail, including pickup and drop-off
 - (4) All transportation during the scheduled itinerary
2. Hotel accommodation
3. Meals: Three meals per day as included in the itinerary
4. Admission fees for all scheduled attractions listed in the itinerary

The following expenses are not included in this programme:

1. Transportation: Domestic transport within New Zealand and flights between New Zealand and China
2. International travel insurance
3. Any meals and transportation outside the itinerary due to personal reasons

4. Any additional expenses caused by personal decisions, force majeure or unforeseen circumstances

New Zealand Participants:

- 1) This programme offers up to **Ten spots** for New Zealand **Tertiary Students**.
- 2) The application deadline is **20 May 2025**.
- 3) **Eligibility:** Applicants must be New Zealand citizens over 18 years of age and currently serving in student organizations.

Note: New Zealand citizens (New Zealand passport holders) are eligible under the China visa exemption policy, and are not required to apply for Chinese visa.

- 4) **Application documents:** (a) the personal information page of a valid ID (passport page is preferred); (b) a resume (including a permanent email address, mobile phone number, current title in the student organization, etc.); (c) a personal statement outlining the reasons for the application.
- 5) Please send all the above materials to: yibo@peal.ac.nz
- 6) The organizing team will evaluate the applications. A face-to-face or video interview may be required. The results will be notified by email on or before **23 May 2025**.

Itinerary Notice:

This itinerary is the **current proposed itinerary**. The specific arrangements are **subject to actual occurrence** and may be adjusted as necessary.

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Theme	Artificial Intelligence and Sustainable Development		
Date	Time	Itinerary	Location
29 th June DAY 1	TBD	Arrive in Xi'an and check in at Hotel	Hotel TBD
30 th June DAY 2	08:00-08:30	Breakfast	Xidian Guest House
	09:30-10:50	Opening Ceremony (Group discussion, Chinese and international students)	South Campus
	11:00-12:30	Tour in Xidian University Museum	South Campus

		and AI+ Center	
	12:30-14:00	Lunch & Break	South Campus
	14:00-17:30	Lecture 1: Chinese Culture - Shaanxi History, Culture and the Silk Road Culture Tour 1: Shaanxi Archaeological Museum	South Campus Conference Center
	18:00-19:00	Welcome Dinner	Hotel
1 st July DAY 3	07:00-08:10	Breakfast	Xidian Guest House
	08:30-12:30	Culture Tour 2: Two Thousand Years of Craftsmanship - Telling the Story of the Great Craftsmen “Diao” Handicraft Workshop 1: Making of the Terracotta Warriors and Horses	Emperor Qinshihuang's Mausoleum Museum
	12:30-13:50	Lunch & Break	Lintong
	14:00-17:30	Culture Tour 3: Tour to Huaqing Palace Handicraft Workshop 2: National Lacquer Painting Seminar 1: The protection and sustainable development of intangible cultural heritage	Huaqing Pool
	17:30-18:30	Dinner	Lintong
2 nd July DAY 4	07:00-08:30	Breakfast	Xidian Guest House

	08:30-10:30	Lecture 2: Lecture on Artificial Intelligence 1 Seminar 2: Application of AI in Education and Daily Life	North Campus
	10:30-12:00	Culture Tour 4: Shaanxi Science and Technology Museum	TV Tower
	12:00-13:30	Lunch & Break	North Campus
	13:30-17:00	Culture Tour 5: Two Thousand Years of Sculpture - Search for the Peace under “Wenjing Rule” Handicraft Workshop 3: Wood craft workshop	Han Yangling Museum
	17:00-18:00	Dinner	North Campus
3 rd July DAY 5	08:00-08:30	Breakfast	Xidian Guest House
	08:30-12:00	Lecture 3: Lecture on Artificial Intelligence 2 Seminar 3: Development and Ethics of AI	North Campus
	12:00-13:30	Lunch & Break	North Campus
	13:30-17:00	Culture Tour 6: Exploring Xi'an Ancient City Wall and Yongxingfang Handicraft Workshop 4: Traditional Xi'an Games Handicraft Workshop 5:	City Wall, Yongxingfang

		Archery (City Wall Bike-Riding, Optional)	
	18:00-19:00	Dinner	TBD
	19:00-20:30	Culture Tour 7: Night Tour to Datang Everbright City (Self-paid Han Costume Experience, Optional)	Datang Everbright City
4 th July DAY 6	07:30-08:00	Breakfast	Xidian Guest House
	08:30-12:00	Handicraft Workshop 6: Radio assembling	South Campus Training Center
	Afternoon	Transfer by High-speed Rail from Xi'an to Beijing	/
5 th July DAY 7	08:00-08:30	Breakfast	Hotel
	09:00-12:00	Cultural Tour 8: Tiananmen Square and Surroundings	Tiananmen Square
	09:00-12:00	Handicraft Workshop 7: Visit traditional Chinese courtyard house and learn to make Peking Opera masks from old - Beijing handicraftsmen.	Tiananmen Surroundings
	12:00-13:30	Lunch & Break	Beijing
	14:00-18:00	Culture Tours 9-11: Forbidden City, Shichahai, Yandai Xiejie	Beijing
	18:00-19:00	Dinner	Beijing
6 th July DAY 8	07:30-08:00	Breakfast	Hotel
	08:30-12:30	Culture Tour 12: Great Wall	Great Wall
	12:30-14:00	Lunch & Break (Dumplings)	Beijing

	14:00-18:00	Culture Tours 13: The Summer Palace Culture Tour 14: Bird's Nest, Water Cube Seminar 4: The protection and sustainable development of ancient architecture	Summer Palace, Olympic Park
	18:00-19:00	Dinner (Old Beijing Flavor)	Beijing
7 th July DAY 9	08:00-08:30	Breakfast	Hotel
	09:00-12:00	Cultural Tour 15: The Temple of Heaven	Temple of Heaven
	12:00-14:00	Lunch & Break (Beijing Flavor)	Beijing
	14:00-17:00	Summary and Certificate Issuance (Group-based)	Hotel
8 th July DAY 10		Departure	