



**4th New Jersey K-12 Educators Study Tour to China
October 25-November 4, 2017**

**Organized by the Confucius Institute of Rutgers University (CIRU)
In Cooperation with Jilin University, China**

(This program is specially funded by CIRU Headquarters)

To further its mission to promote high-quality Chinese language and culture programs, the Confucius Institute of Rutgers University (CIRU) plans to organize its 4th New Jersey K-12 Educators Study Tour to China from October 25, 2017 to November 4, 2017. The study tour is intended for school leaders interested in starting or strengthening their institution's Chinese language program, including the establishment of partnerships with schools in China. Participants will visit high schools in two different Chinese cities, observe classes, meet and interact with Chinese school administrators, teachers, and students, learn about best practices in school-to-school partnerships, and experience China firsthand.

Eligibility

Priority will be given to administrators in K-12 schools (superintendents, principals, world language coordinators, education board members) who are interested in starting and expanding Chinese language program, and/ or seeking partnerships with Chinese schools. Applicants are subjected to individual review.

Study Tour Dates:

October 25-November 4, 2017

Preliminary Plans and Activities: Newark → 1st city: Changchun (school visits; lecture on Chinese educational system; campus tour of Jilin University; visit of local historical monuments) → 2nd city: Beijing (To be confirmed: visit of Confucius Institute Headquarters/Hanban; tour of Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Summer Palace, and Great Wall) → Newark

What your peers said about last year's China Study Tour

"The school visit in Changchun was very well done. It was wonderful to see the similarities and differences to U.S. schools and other Chinese schools as well."

"One of the most valuable components of the Tour was "Team China" – we were very fortunate to have this group. I feel that I now have a network of people that I can reach out to when I need answers on creating a program of Chinese language and culture."

"More than experiencing the culture, the sightseeing gave me a true perspective of ancient and present as well as the future of China. This also helped me to better conceptualize how our U.S. children can better fair in China and vice-versa."



"My visit to China led to very deep, interesting conversations with staff and students at my school."

Participants will be responsible for:

- Valid passport with at least six (6) months validity from the date of departure;
- Apply for China entry tourism visa. (\$140 application fee plus \$30.00 processing fee), you may contact Innova Travel (**Phone:** (732) 819-8883 **Address:** 1681 NJ-27, Edison, NJ 08817)
- Arrange to purchase international air tickets (between Newark and Beijing)
Flight information will be provided afterward.

The following cost will be covered by the program:

- Lectures and study materials;
- Hotel accommodations;
- Group meals
- Tour guides and admission tickets
- Local transportation in China
- Travel Insurance
- Reimbursement of \$600.00 for the International Airfare.

Application Deadline:

July 30, 2017 (first come first served) or until all ten spots are taken

Group Leader:

Holly Chen Tyson, Assistant Director, Confucius Institute of Rutgers University

For all inquiries regarding this program, please contact the office by phone at (848) 932-2490 or by email at circu@rci.rutgers.edu



Application Form
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Personal Information:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____
Date of birth: _____ Gender: _____
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Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Mailing Address:

Institutional Information:

School and School District: _____

Title and Position: _____

School Address: _____

Office Phone: _____

Office Fax: _____

Passport Information:

Your name as it appears in your passport _____

Passport Number: _____

Passport Expiration Date: _____

In addition to this Application Form, please enclose a color copy of your passport, a short description (max. 750 words) of your existing or planned Chinese language program and the ways that you believe your participation in this study tour will help you establish or expand your Chinese language program.

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Please send your completed application material (application form and short description of existing or planned Chinese program) to Maggie He at circu@rci.rutgers.edu with subject: K-12 Educators Study Tour – Application. If you have any question, please contact the office 848-932-2490 from 9:00 am-5:00 pm (Monday to Friday). Accepted applicants will be notified in July.