Chinese Language and Culture Immersion
For Rising 9-12 Graders

Win a Scholarship!
Earn a Stipend!
Learn Chinese!
July 6 – July 15, 2010

Funded by the Federal STARTALK Grant

Developed by
The Department of East Asian Languages, Literatures and Cultures

Sponsored by
The Asia Institute and
The East Asia Center
at the University of Virginia
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The 2-week Chinese Language and Culture Immersion Program is a crucial component of the Virginia STARTALK Chinese Teacher Academy. Learners will participate in the so-called demonstration class in which excellent in-service and prospective teachers recruited nationwide apply research-supported best practices to teaching learners in a linguistically and culturally enriched environment. The teacher to student ratio is 1:1.5, and learners in the program will be engaged in a truly interactive, communicative, and innovative class featuring an integration of a wide array of authentic materials and instructional technology.

PROGRAM HISTORY

The Chinese Language and Culture Immersion Program is created for the Virginia STARTALK Chinese Teacher Academy (VSCTA), a three-week residential teacher training program from June 28 to July 16 in 2010. In the years of 2008 & 2009, the teachers in the VSCTA taught in the Virginia STARTALK Chinese Academy (VSCA) at the Governor’s Foreign Language Academy at the Virginian Commonwealth University in Richmond. After two years of excellence and success, the 2010 VSCTA will be implemented on grounds at UVa to benefit local high school learners in the community surrounding UVa. The VSCTA has been made possible by US federal STARTALK funding to maximize capacities in Chinese language teaching and learning.

ELIGIBILITY
Rising 9-12 graders with zero or little knowledge of Mandarin Chinese

DATES
July 6 – July 15, 2010 (excluding July 11)

CLASS SCHEDULE
Classes normally begin at 9AM and end at noon. Classes on July 14-15 will be extended to the afternoon time to rehearse performances on China Night. On other days learners should reserve the afternoon time to complete daily work and cultural projects.

CHINA PERFORMANCE NIGHT
The program will culminate in China Night, which is scheduled for July 15, Thursday evening at 7PM. Learners and teachers in the program will perform Chinese culture and arts. Parents will be invited to attend.

REFRESHMENTS & LUNCH
Refreshments will be provided daily. Lunch will be provided in addition to refreshments on the dates when classes are extended to the afternoon time.
SCHOLARSHIP
Each participant will be awarded a $300 scholarship that will be used to cover all expenses incurred during the program.

STIPEND
Those who successfully complete the program will receive a $100 stipend.

CULTURAL GIFTS
Those who successfully complete the program will receive a T-shirt and Chinese cultural products.

TRANSPORTATION
The program will not provide transportation services or parking. Parents and student participants are solely responsible for daily transportation to and from University Grounds. For parking information, consult http://www.virginia.edu/parking

APPLICATION
The completed application package includes the following five components.
1. Student Application Form (Part I & II)
2. Teacher Recommendation Form completed by one teacher, who will directly mail to the following mailing address
3. Student Commitment Form
4. Parent Permission Form
5. Official transcript(s) from fall 2009 or the most current transcript(s).

The package should be mailed to the following address postmarked by March 31st, 2010. Incomplete application package will not be processed. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and the total number of participants is limited. Spots will fill quickly. We recommend that you submit your application early!

CONTACT INFORMATION
Further questions should be directed to Dr. Rachel Stauffer, the Outreach Coordinator of the Asia Institute at U.Va. Call Dr. Stauffer at 434-982-0560 or email her at art2t@virginia.edu. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and the total number of participants is limited.

MAILING ADDRESS
Chinese Language and Culture Immersion
2010 Virginia STARTALK Chinese Teacher Academy
PO Box 400781
Department of East Asian Languages, Literatures and Cultures
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA 22903
# STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

## PART I. Personal Information

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**Gender:**
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**Home address:**

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**Home phone:**

**Email:**

**Current school:**

**Current grade level:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Place of Birth:**

**Language(s) that you speak at home:**

**Language(s) that your parents speak:**

**Have a computer with easy access to the internet at home**
- [ ] YES
- [ ] NO

**Ethnic and Cultural Background (select all that apply)**

- [ ] American Indian or Alaska Native
- [ ] Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- [ ] Asian
- [ ] Hispanic or Latino
- [ ] Black or African-American
- [ ] Middle Eastern or Arab
- [ ] White
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PART II. Essay Questions

Instructions: Please provide a minimum of 100 words for each of the following questions except for item #3.

1. Describe your primary motivations for participation in the Chinese Language and Culture Immersion Program.

2. Describe any previous study of Chinese language and culture.

3. List all foreign language courses you have taken so far. Specify when, where and the grades received.

4. State what you hope to learn and gain from the program.
TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

Please ask one of your current teachers to complete the following recommendation form and directly mail it to the following mailing address postmarked by March 31st, 2010. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and the total number of participants is limited.

Mailing Address
Chinese Language and Culture Immersion
2010 Virginia STARTALK Chinese Teacher Academy
PO Box 400781
Department of East Asian Languages, Literatures and Cultures
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA 22903

Dear Respectable Teacher,

Thank you for your assistance in helping us with the selection process for the Chinese Language and Culture Immersion Program funded by the federal STARTALK grants. As we look for bright, dedicated students to take part in this unique opportunity for high-quality instruction, personalized insight into each individual applicant is of the utmost importance. This is why your thorough and honest feedback is so essential, and so very much appreciated. The more detail you can provide, the better. If you feel that it is necessary to write on the back of this form, or attach additional sheets of paper, please feel free to do so. When you have completed the form, please mail it to us directly at the above address.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Rachel Stauffer, the Outreach Coordinator of the Asian Institute at UVa. She can be reached by phone, at 434-982-0560, or by email, at art2t@virginia.edu. Thank you, once again, for your help!

Teacher’s Name: (Last/First)  
Subject(s) that you teach:  
School where you teach:  
Email:  
Telephone:  
1. For how long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
2. How would you characterize the applicant’s ability to consistently demonstrate a high level of maturity and sense of responsibility?

3. How would you describe the applicant’s dedication to academic achievement? How will the applicant benefit from the program?

4. Please indicate your level of recommendation for this applicant.
   - ( ) Recommend with great enthusiasm
   - ( ) Recommend
   - ( ) Recommend with reservation
   - ( ) Do not recommend

5. Additional Comments

Teacher’s Signature: ________________________________

Date: ______________________________
STUDENT COMMITMENT FORM

I am very interested in the Chinese Language and Culture Immersion program, July 6 – July 15 (excluding July 11). I acknowledge that if I am accepted to the program, I will be expected to attend all classes and participate in all activities. I understand that this means that I will not be able to make other plans during the dates and times of classes and activities associated with this program. I also understand that there will be daily work for me to complete in preparation for each day’s classes. I will do my best to maintain a positive attitude because of the importance of this for success in the program. I understand that disruptive and/or inappropriate behavior is not only disrespectful to my teachers but also to my fellow students. Recognizing this, I promise to follow the program instructions and behave appropriately and cooperatively in all program activities. I understand that if my behavior or conduct is determined to be disruptive or inappropriate, I may be dismissed from the program at any time at the discretion of the Director.

Student Signature: __________________________

Print Name: __________________________
PARENT PERMISSION FORM

Parent/Guardian Name: _____________________________________________

Home Address: ___________________________________________________

Home Phone: __________________ Work Phone: _______________________

Email: ________________________

I understand the commitment involved in my child’s participation in the program and I give permission for my child to attend the program. I will ensure that my child attends all classes and activities.

YES       NO

I understand that my child and I are responsible for securing reliable transportation to and from University Grounds for program activities.

YES       NO

I give consent for my child to be video-taped or recorded in class and activities during the program.

YES       NO

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________

Date: ____________________________