

Globalizing the Community College Experience

TCC invites faculty interested in globalizing the community college experience to participate in an upcoming faculty and student exchange to examine the ways in which China has adapted to the global economy.



This program is a grant and college funded two-week exchange where six faculty participants will visit China during the period between Spring 2010 and Summer 2010 terms
(Travel will occur between May 7-24, 2010 -exact travel dates to be determined).

All traveling participants will attend **four half day seminars** on Globalization topics and produce a sharable electronic learning module on a selected topic in globalization. Technical help and advice will be provided.

Seminar Dates:

- Virginia Beach **11/13/09**,
- Norfolk **1/29/10**,
- Chesapeake **2/19/10**,
- Virginia Beach **4/16/10**.

Seminar **visitors** are welcome to attend any portion of the globalization seminars but are not eligible to obtain the \$500 special pay or to travel to China.

Why Apply?

Professional development that broadens our horizons and refreshes our perspectives is essential to keeping on top of a rapidly globalizing world...a world where our students are destined to compete and cooperate within a global marketplace. Seminar speakers are business, government, and education leaders who can explain emerging trends and their significance, provide sources of information, and answer

questions. All seminars will take place at the Norfolk, Virginia Beach, or Chesapeake campuses of TCC.

Our students benefit from globally broadened faculty, and will benefit also from the learning modules that will be produced as a part of the project. Research on a selected topic relating to globalization will provide the foundation for an electronic learning module that students use as a part of their classes. A local repository of these modules will allow these learning tools to be shared and used in many more courses than the author's own. Technical support and best practice advice will be provided.

China exchange faculty will be selected competitively based upon

- written statement of scholarly interest in globalization, cross-cultural exchange, international business, or some emerging economy.
- number of students typically served each semester
- Academic Area (BUS/ECO/ACC/MKT/FIN faculty preferred)
- foreign language study/abilities
- international experience
- personal interview

Because TCC recognizes the potential for intellectual growth that international exchange provides, our intention is to cultivate an ongoing Business faculty and student exchange with Yunnan University. Cultural pioneers are needed.

How & When to Apply

To apply, faculty **should complete and submit the APPLICATION FORM** as an email attachment. A written statement of scholarly interest in globalization, cross-cultural exchange, international business, or some emerging economy should be sent to **studyabroad@tcc.edu** by October 21, 2009. Accepted applicants will be notified of decisions no later than November 20th, 2009.

Travel Timeline & Expenses

Travel is timed to coincide with the break between spring and summer semesters, 2010. Departure will be from Norfolk International Airport. Exact departure and return dates are not yet determined. Because spring final exams run from May 4-10 and summer classes start on May 24th, faculty may need to obtain permission to reschedule conflicting final exams and to miss graduation from their respective Deans.

All travel, and lodging expenses are covered. Approximately half of all meals are covered. Faculty will be required to pay for remaining meals and any other incidentals. All exchange faculty must have or obtain a valid U.S. passport and provide a copy to TCC's office of International Programs no later than November 24th, 2010. Ultimately, faculty will be required to submit their passport so that we may obtain travel visas well in advance of our travel. Passport and visa costs will be the responsibility of the faculty.

Additionally, a series of vaccines may be required in order to enter China. To learn more about these, please click [here](#). Please consult with your doctor to determine what you may need prior to traveling. All costs associated with vaccines are the responsibility of the traveler.



Expectations of Seminar Participants

Attend all four Friday Globalization seminars on the dates below and produce a sharable electronic presentation/educational module on a selected topic in globalization. Seminars will tentatively be from 8:30-12:30. Modules will be peer reviewed, with final versions made available for college use. Technical assistance will be provided.

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2. Norfolk **1/29/10**,
3. Chesapeake **2/19/10**,
4. Virginia Beach **4/16/10**.

Additional Expectations of Travelers

Valid U.S. passport
Obtain Chinese visa (approx. \$125)
Conduct overseas that will reflect well upon TCC
International immunization record established

Educational Modules

During the first three Globalization seminars, participants will be provided with instruction and background on studying global issues. Upon completion of those seminars, faculty will submit a final educational module for college use. Educational modules should be specific to global issues and be usable by faculty in other classrooms.

A sample module will be presented to participants during the Globalization seminars. Participants will present completed educational modules to peers on April 16th, 2010. Peers will provide anonymous review on each module. Participants will refine their modules in a manner consistent with peer recommendations. Upon submission of a final education module, participants will receive up to \$500 in special pay. Topics for faculty modules may include -but are not limited to- comparisons of accounting systems in the U.S. and abroad, comparisons of business practices in the U.S. and abroad, or issues related to energy security, international trade, food security, or resource sustainability.

Ultimately, final faculty modules will be housed in a repository at this website for use and review by any faculty member. It is hoped that over time, users may add modules and a growing repository of globally pertinent education modules will be used across disciplines.

Questions?

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