



**CHINA-U.S.**  
RELATIONS CONFERENCE

中美关系研讨会

## 2009 China-U.S. Relations Conference

**Get involved! Be a part of the most important global relationship.**

Twenty exceptional students from Texas A&M University will have a unique opportunity to learn about US-Chinese relations and to serve as cultural ambassadors and student participants during the 2009 China-US Relations Conference, to be held from October 21-23, 2009 in Beijing, China.

Deadline for applications to participate in this leadership program is June 10. Selected participants will receive scholarships to cover virtually all expenses and have an opportunity to meet and interact with key business and political leaders from both nations, have student leadership

roles, and participate in cultural immersion activities.

This prestigious program, sponsored by Texas A&M University, the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation, and the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries will expand academic and business opportunities and strengthen the global relationship between the two nations.

*"The relationship between the United States and China, in my opinion, is the most important bilateral relationship we have." - George Bush, 41st President of the United States*

### About the Conference

- Since 2003, Texas A&M University, the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation, the George Bush School of Government and Public Service have been the co-sponsors and lead organizers of the bi-annual China-U.S. Relations Conference.
- This conference series has been notable for the strong support given by both governments to the dialogue, the quality of programming to explore issues of relevance to both nations, and the opportunities to build deeper personal, political, commercial and cultural relationships among the participants.

# How do I participate?

For application materials and additional information about the program, please visit the Institute for Pacific Asia website at : [ipa.tamu.edu](http://ipa.tamu.edu). If you have additional questions, please direct them to Lacie Karnauch .

## Contact Information

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## Tentative Itinerary

### Sunday, October 18

Students arrive in Beijing

### Monday, October 19 and Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Cultural Ambassadors' Tour: students meet each other and participate in cultural learning activities to explore Chinese and U.S. society, politics and history: visit Hanban Headquarter, Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, the Great Wall of China and other sites of historic interest in Beijing

### Wednesday, October 21, 2009

In the morning, students participate in a CCTV special program at the CCTV studio. The program will feature China and U.S. students' dialogue on issues of mutual interests about China U.S. relations. This program will be made into three episodes of 30 minutes each or two episodes of 50 minutes each, and to be broadcasted to over 90 million Chinese TV viewers.

In the afternoon and evening, assign students to help with the conference: ushering, helping with registration, helping with set-up, take down, etc.

### Thursday, October 22 , 2009

Students participate in plenary sessions and receptions  
Students meet and interact with President Bush  
Students meet and interact with other government officials and participants  
Joint de-briefings to discuss conference issues of the day

### Friday, October 23, 2009

Students help with the set up of the forum and research roundtables, set up, coordinating and taking down the displays  
Joint de-briefings to discuss conference issues of the day

### Saturday, October 24, 2009

U.S. students depart Beijing for U.S.

## Why do I need to learn about China?



- China is the world's fastest growing economy, with an annualized rate of at least 6% in GDP growth, and its continued growth is critical to the overall health of the world economy.
- It is estimated that by 2020, China's economy measured at PPP exchange rates will be on par with the United States
- With more than 1.31 billion, China makes up one fifth of the world's total population and is the most populous country in the world.
- China has the world's second largest budget in research and development, and has made tremendous strides in spaceflight technology and nanotechnology-related patent