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德国青年领袖暑期研学项目

2026 CHINA DEEP DIVE

2026 PEKING UNIVERSITY "DEEP DIVE CHINA"
GERMAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMER PROGRAM

THE FOUNDATION AND VITALITY OF CHINA'S DEVELOPMENT

INTRO

Amid accelerating global changes unseen in a century, intertwined with transformation and turbulence, the international landscape is fraught with uncertainties. Addressing global challenges and safeguarding world stability urgently calls for cross-cultural exchange and mutual understanding among top young talents worldwide. Against this backdrop, Peking University is committed to building a high-level platform for cross-cultural communication and immersive understanding of China for outstanding students from top global universities, launching the “Deep Dive China” German Youth Leadership Summer Program. The purpose of this activity is to enhance interaction and foster friendship between Chinese and German students. Among the Chinese student representatives for this program, we are privileged to have students from Hong Kong on board, so that they could stand united and embrace the world stage.

Rooted in China’s national conditions and embracing a global vision, the program leverages the top-tier academic resources and profound cultural heritage of Peking University, Fudan University and Nanjing University, as well as high-quality resources from the Department of Ecology and Environment of Jiangsu Province. Through high-standard academic lectures, in-depth field research, and peer dialogues between Chinese and German youth, it delivers a diverse, open, and in-depth learning experience. It explains the underlying logic and enduring trajectory of China’s development, helping top German university students understand Chinese-style modernization, deepen their comprehension of China, bridge cognitive gaps, and strengthen friendship between Chinese and German youth through integrating knowledge and practice.

The program will take place across Beijing, Shanghai and Jiangsu Province. German student participants will be selected and coordinated by Peking University together with its partner institutions. Meanwhile, each of the three Chinese participating universities will dispatch student representatives to join the activities.

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📌 Program Features

Profound History and National Dynamics (Beijing): Visit iconic cultural sites such as the Great Wall and the Forbidden City; learn from top scholars at Peking University to explore China's decision-making, economic, social, and technological development and gain insights into the cutting-edge industrial ecosystem.

Scientific and Technological Innovation and Green Transition (Jiangsu, Shanghai): Explore the green transition and new quality productive forces in the Taihu Lake and lower Yangtze River regions; revisit the memory of Chinese-Germany friendship; engage in dialogues with Chinese and German youth; and experience the new practices of Chinese-style modernization and opening-up.

📌 Program Dates

July 20 -- July 31, 2026 (12 days)

Program dates start with arrival at Peking University and end with the last day's summary of the program. All participants are expected to arrive at Beijing, hence any duration outside the above program dates is the sole responsibility of the participants.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

*The final schedule is subject to actual arrangements.

Beijing:
Explore China's Capital, Experience History, Culture, Governance, and Tech Innovation

★ Day 1 (July 20)

Arrival in Beijing & Cross-cultural Icebreaking

☀ Full Day	International flights arrive in Beijing; airport pickup and check-in
🌙 Evening	Welcome dinner; program briefing and rules

★ Day 2 (July 21)

Explore Civilization Foundations, Understand Ancient & Modern China

☀ Morning	Opening ceremony & campus tour (experience PKU heritage) Course 1: Understanding China
☀ Afternoon	Cultural visit: The Palace Museum + Jingshan Park (panoramic view of the Forbidden City)
🌙 Evening	Free time

★ Day 3 (July 22)

Economic Dynamics & Cutting-edge Tech Wave

☀ Morning	Course 2: Technology and innovation in China Course 3: Traditional Chinese Philosophy and Culture
☞ Afternoon	Company visits: Beijing Humanoid Robot Innovation Center (full-stack embodied AI tech) Company visit: Xiaomi Auto
🌙 Evening	Experience Beijing specialty cuisine

★ Day 4 (July 23)

Grandeur of the Great Wall & New Look of Rural Revitalization

☀ Full Day	Cultural visit: Hike the Great Wall Community visit: Jinpoluo Village
🌙 Evening	Free time

★ Day 5 (July 24)

Tech Governance & Departure for the South

☀ Morning	Course 4: Challenges and opportunities towards carbon neutrality and China's responses visit: China Railway Signal & Communication Corporation (alternative: iFLYTEK / ByteDance)
☞ Afternoon	High-speed train from Beijing to Nanjing, Jiangsu; pickup and check-in

Jiangsu & Shanghai:

Into the Yangtze River Delta, Decode Tech Innovation, Eco-civilization, Low-carbon Transition & Opening-up

★ Day 6 (July 25)

Splendid Nanjing

☀ Morning	Cultural visit: Nanjing Yangtze Finless Porpoise Conservation Association; inspect Yangtze River ecology and aquatic biodiversity conservation
☞ Afternoon	Company visits: NR Group intelligent manufacturing lines/labs (digital upgrading of power systems) Company visit: Nanjing Iron and Steel Group smart operation center (green transformation of heavy industry)
🌙 Evening	Stroll along the Qinhuai River; stay in Nanjing

★ Day 7 (July 26)

Splendid Nanjing

☀ Morning	Cultural visits: John Rabe Former Residence (symbol of China-Germany friendship) Nanjing Museum; Nanjing Riverside Planning & Construction Exhibition Hall
☞ Afternoon	Symposium: Ecological Civilization with Nanjing University faculty and students
🌙 Evening	Stay in Nanjing

★ Day 8 (July 27)

Pearl of Taihu Lake

☀ Morning	Travel to WuxiTech visit: World's first fullprocess green intelligent dredging platform Taihu Light; Taihu Lake governance innovation
☀ Afternoon	Company visit: Longsys Technology Group; Low-carbon industrial heritage renewal and energy digitalization Travel to Taicang
🌙 Evening	Stay in Taicang

★ Day 9 (July 28)

German-flavored Taicang

☀ Morning	Cultural visit: Taicang China-Germany Cooperation Exhibition Hall; hidden champions' localized innovationCompany visit: Schaeffler (precision bearings & new energy vehicles)
☀ Afternoon	Company visit: KernLiebers (pioneer of German enterprises in Taicang) OR TRUMPF (global leader in laser & machine tools)
🌙 Evening	Dinner at Taicang Port German-style Street; dialogue with European Chamber of Commerce or entrepreneurs Stay in Taicang

★ Day 10 (July 29)

Experience the Charm of a Modern Chinese Metropolis

☀ Morning	Arrive in Shanghai: Visit COMAC (Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China). Learn about China's large aircraft industry, technological achievements, high-end equipment manufacturing and independent innovation in aviation industry.
☀ Afternoon	Visit Yu Garden and City God Temple to enjoy traditional Jiangnan gardens and local Shanghai culture; Tour Shanghai Museum to know the inheritance of traditional Chinese culture and Shanghai urban culture; Walk around the Bund and the Bund Source historic buildings to learn about Shanghai's opening-up history and China-Europe exchanges.
🌙 Evening	Free time: stroll on Nanjing Road Pedestrian Street to experience Shanghai's night economy. Take a Huangpu River cruise to enjoy night views of Lujiazui and the Bund; Check in at Fudan University International Student Apartments afterwards.

★ Day 11 (July 30)

Charming Shanghai

☀ Morning	Visit Bilibili or ByteDance (Douyin). Learn about China's internet industry, new media, youth culture and digital economy development.
☀ Afternoon	Visit the Fudan University History Exhibition Area. Hold an exchange seminar with Fudan teachers and students, covering youth communication, technological innovation, international education and Sino-foreign cultural exchange;
🌙 Evening	Free time in Wujiaochang

★ Day 12 (July 31)

Program concludes; participants depart China



INFORMATION

📌 Eligibility

1. Applicants should generally be aged 18-25, in good physical and mental health, with excellent academic and moral standing, comply with the Nationality Law of the People's Republic of China, hold a valid foreign passport as non Chinese citizens, and have no criminal record.
2. Excellent English proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing, able to participate smoothly in English lectures and group discussions.
3. Strong cross-cultural communication, teamwork, and adaptability skills.
4. German students with no prior experience in China will be given priority.
5. Each applicant is required to submit an essay of 500–1000 words, choosing one of the following two topics:
 - Why do you consider it important for German and Chinese students to understand each other better?
 - Describe an incident during which you became aware that you held an inaccurate stereotype about someone from a different background. Alternatively, describe a situation in which you yourself were treated in a stereotypical manner. What did you do in that situation, and what did you learn from it?

📌 Cost Information

Tuition, accommodation, most of the meals, local transportation, and visit expenses are covered for students during the program in China. International travel expenses are borne by students themselves.

📌 Insurance

Peking University will purchase a uniform comprehensive medical insurance for international students studying in China from Chinese domestic insurance providers.



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