THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY

Note to Staff at the Participating Universities

Young Leaders Program: Inventing the Future

22 January to 10 February 2018
Sydney, Australia

About the program

Inventing the Future (ItF) is an interdisciplinary short course, jointly run by the faculties of Science, Engineering and Information Technologies, Business, and the School of Architecture, Design and Planning at the University of Sydney. The course is aimed at high achieving postgraduate and undergraduate students, to provide them with advanced skills in research translation, design and innovation.

ItF encourages a future-focused approach to innovation, in which problems are addressed from multiple perspectives at once. We ask students to consider these problems in the context of the future. What are the technology, social, environmental and political trends, and what will the future look like in 10 or 15 years?

Student teams will be given a real product brief in **medical data and personal transport**, of social and economic importance, aligned with areas of university research. They must respond to this brief, producing a working prototype product, business case, and presenting to the expert panel at the end of the program.

Program duration

Students are required to work in teams to complete and submit the Pre-work (a short report) by 10 January 2018.

Program in Sydney - 22 January to 10 February 2018

- 22 January: arrive in Sydney
- 23 January: program starts
- 09 February: program ends
- 10 February: depart from Sydney

Participants

The Program is open to students from the University of Sydney's partner universities. We welcome postgraduate and undergraduate students from diverse academic backgrounds to apply, including but not limited to engineering, information technologies, science, health, social sciences, business and design.

Students will **work as a group** alongside students from other leading Chinese universities with different academic backgrounds and also have the opportunity to interact with University of Sydney student mentors.

Program fee

The program fee of **$4,276 in Australian dollars** per student covers:

- tuition fees
- field trips
- 19 nights shared accommodation (room only) from 22 January to 10 February 2018
- welcome and farewell lunches
- airport group pick-up on 22 January and transfer on 10 February*
  Students who are not able to meet the group pick up and transfer time will need to make their own travel arrangements to the accommodation. Travel instructions will be provided.
- Opal card for public transport in Sydney
- Certificate of Attendance
- Program Assessment Report (transcript) upon successful completion

Students are responsible for any other costs not included in the program fee. We recommend that all students arrange international travel insurance prior to departure.

Application

Interested students should complete the **Program Application Form** and submit to the Program Coordinator Ms Chloe Cai, at chloe.cai@sydney.edu.au

The application deadline is **16 October 2017.**

16 October 2017	Application closes
26 October	Students informed of the decision on their application
30 October	Program agreement signed
15 November	Group visa application support letter and invoice sent to participating university
30 November	Full payment received by the University of Sydney

Selection

All applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Motivation for participation
- Relevant experience and extracurricular activities
- Being an individual thinker as well as enjoying working in a team
- Commitment including completion of the group pre-work task prior to course commencement

The course will be conducted in English in an intensive form. Although we will not ask for any evidence of a formal English language assessment, an adequate level of English language ability equivalent to IELTS 6.5, TOEFL iBT 79 or above is essential in order to benefit fully from the program.

Visa

Students should apply for an Australian Visitor Visa (subclass 600). For details, please visit the Australian Government [Department of Immigration and Border Protection](#) website or consult your nearest [Australian Visa Application Centre (AVAC)](#) in China.

Payment

Payment must be made to the University of Sydney in Australian Dollars by **30 November 2017**. Payment details can be found on the invoice.

Refund

In the event of **individual** cancellation, the participating university must notify the University of Sydney in writing.

Refunds – reasons other than visa refusal

$1,710 per participant, being 40% of the total fee of **$4,276**, is **non-refundable.**

- For any individual cancellation before 30 November 2017 (inclusive) no cancellation fee will apply.
- For any individual cancellation between 1 December 2017 and 7 January 2018 (inclusive), there will be a cancellation charge of $**200** per participant in addition to **$1,710** per participant, the non-refundable deposit of the total program fee.
- For any individual cancellation on or after 8 January 2018, there will be no refund.

Refunds - visa refusal

For any individual cancellation due to visa refusal, a refund will be made after deduction of an administrative fee of **$200** per participant. In addition, any fees for program activities, accommodation or logistics which have been pre-paid will also be deducted.

A copy of the visa refusal letter issued by the Australian Embassy and/or Consulate General must be sent with the written notification in order to process refund.

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