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The University of Dayton and Diversity Abroad have formed a partnership to help give underrepresented students access to life- and career-changing study-abroad opportunities in China.

Students nationwide can apply for up to $20,000 in scholarships to study at the University of Dayton’s China Institute. Five scholarships will be offered each semester to students from other institutions. Students currently enrolled at UD can attend a semester at the Institute for no additional cost.
Diversity Abroad says in today's increasingly interconnected world, it's important for students to have international experience and develop the skills to be competitive in the global marketplace. While immersive global learning can give students such experiences, many students from diverse backgrounds are locked out of these opportunities.

Although racially and ethnically diverse students make up close to 45 percent of college students, the 2013-14 Opens Doors Report shows they remain underrepresented in education abroad, making up only 25 percent of the roughly 300,000 American college students pursuing studies overseas annually.

Students of color cited finances as their top barrier to studying abroad, according to a 2016 study by Diversity Abroad. The new scholarship will help close the gap on access to global learning opportunities.

“Our partnership with the University of Dayton’s China Institute will pave the way for an exceptional group of deserving young people to develop personally, academically and professionally through an immersive global academic experience in China,” said Andrew Gordon, CEO and founder of Diversity Abroad. “It is imperative that young people from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds learn about China, its language and culture, and position themselves to take on the challenges and opportunities China’s growing influence will present in the 21st century.”

The scholarship incorporates a specialized Diversity Abroad pre-departure orientation to prepare students for study in China, as well as mentor the students throughout the experience. Recipients will share their experience with other students and serve as mentors for future participants. Each recipient will also attend Diversity Abroad’s annual Global Student Leadership Summit.

“At the China Institute, we're helping students become fluent in tomorrow and we’re proud to partner with Diversity Abroad to offer scholarships that will broaden access to our global, intercultural classroom,” said Jason Reinoehl, vice president for strategic enrollment management at the University of Dayton. “Our high tech classrooms, embedded experiential and field experiences and comprehensive student life programs make the China Institute the perfect education setting for expanding global and intercultural learning.”

The award can be applied to the cost for full-time tuition, airfare, Chinese visa, tours and excursions, housing and transportation costs.

The China Institute, which opened in 2012, is located in the Suzhou Industrial Park — 75 miles from Shanghai in what has been called China’s “Silicon Valley.” It is open to students of all majors, and classes are offered from the University of Dayton’s College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business Administration and School of Engineering.

For more information visit: Diversity Abroad & China Institute Scholarship.

Applications are due Friday, Oct. 14.