

ZHEJIANG UNIVERSITY  
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CULTURAL CHINA  
SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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# The Program and its mission

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Epochal economic and social transformations accelerated by rapid technical innovation marked the arrival of 21st century, where people throughout the world began to integrate and exchange on a more globalized stage. In this context the revitalization of China, developing in its own way yet in harmony and peace with the rest of the world, would mark a milestone for this new era.

Such an era calls for far more than well-trained professionals in new and emerging fields. Even more important is to foster talented and open-minded youth who are motivated by high ideals and a strong moral center. There is a need, in other words, for talents with a sense of social responsibility who are willing and ready to assume social responsibilities, as well as a responsibility to history. In addition, we need talented youth with exceptional management and leadership skills, who are practical and experienced, yet capable of pursuing high ideals.

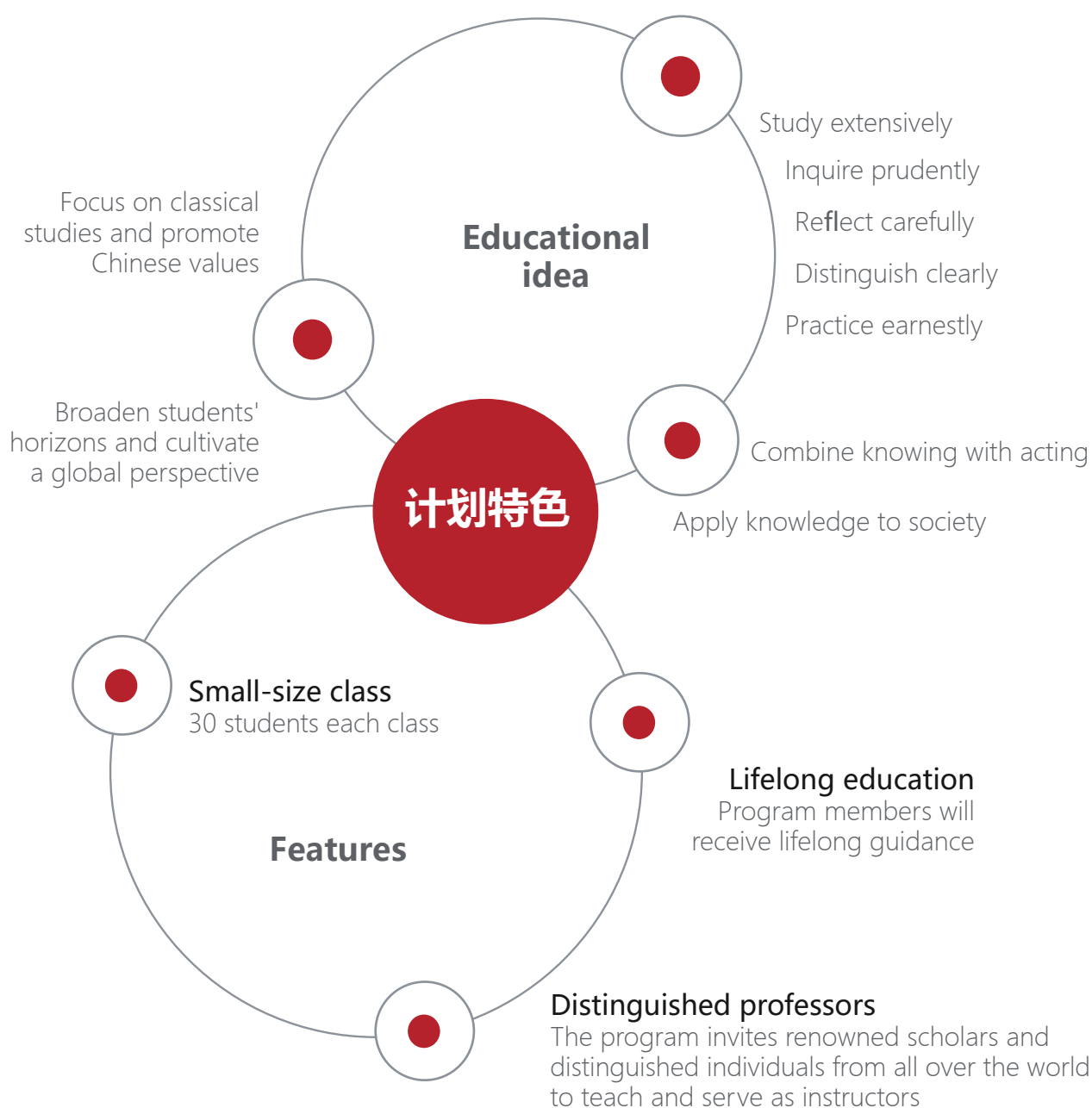
With these goals in mind, and with the aim of fostering well-rounded, liberally educated individuals intent on cultivating their understanding, experience, self-reflexivity and honesty--we established the Zhejiang University Morningside Cultural China Scholars Program. Intent upon benefitting both China and mankind more broadly, this program aims to inspire and develop future world leaders who are deeply rooted in Chinese civilization yet who possess a broad understanding of global issues.

The Morningside Cultural China Scholars Program is an educational initiative launched by Professors Weiming Tu and Shengchun Zhou. Each year at Zhejiang University thirty talented undergraduates are selected for the program. While maintaining their majors, additional education is provided by distinguished professors and professionals from all over the world. These young scholars spend one to two years before completing all the program requirements.

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# Program Highlights

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# Curriculum

The Program comprises ten modules including eight compulsory ones and 2 series of lectures. Scholars are required to take all these modules within two years.

## Compulsory modules

**Chinese Classics**

**Modern Transformation  
and Innovation of  
Confucian Traditions**

**World Civilizations**

**Chinese History**

**Creativity and Leadership:  
Theoretical Instruction**

**Leadership:  
Practical Training**

**Social Analysis:  
Chinese Legal History,  
International Politics and  
China' s Global Strategy,  
Sociology, Late Imperial  
Economy and the Issues  
of Modernization**

**Social Behaviors:  
Studies on Social Behaviors**

## Serial Lectures

**Manners and Etiquette**

**Selected Topics**

# Practice



Meeting with Henry Alfred Kissinger



Meeting with the president of  
Harvard University



Visiting MIT



Visiting the University of Chicago

## Visits Abroad

The Program has organized visits for scholars to travel to multiple countries and regions, including the U.S., U.K., France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Singapore, Hong Kong SAR, and Macau SAR, China. Scholars acquire an understanding of local politics, economy, and culture, and enrich their mind and vision through deep communication with politicians, entrepreneurs, NGO workers, and professors and peers from prestigious universities.

## Philanthropic Activities

Scholars are encouraged to initiate and participate in a variety of public benefit activities. Themes of these activities include environmental protection, educational equality, health care, poverty elimination, and the preservation of cultural heritage.

## Cultural China Talk

To promote its major principle of "An intelligent man is not a mere implement; A good man never feels lonely" and to share valuable experience of scholars, the Program hosts the Talk regularly, where scholars share their quest for identity, sense of values, and inspirations from their careers. The Talk aims to guide scholars to walk out of mist and confusion.

### **Cultural China Annual Forum**

The Forum convenes distinguished leaders of multiple industries and outstanding young people with ambition, talent and caring for Chinese society. It aims to bring proactive and constructive discussions on the grand opportunities and challenges that both China and the globe are faced with today, in the hope of contributing to innovative transformation of Chinese society, modern representation of traditional Chinese culture and thus facilitating mutual conversations among cultures. To date, eleven annual Fora have been successfully held.

### ***Xinmin* (To Renew People) Alumni Association**

This is a platform for innovative communication among scholars, where alumni of the Program, and those still on campus, may share their experiences, launch annual events, exploit integrated resources on and off campus, and via the affiliated Foundation, learn fundraising and operation. The Association also provides financial support for various activities of the Program or launched by alumni and on-campus scholars.

### **Internship and Career Development**

Scholars are encouraged to seek internships in foreign or domestic institutes, companies, government units and NGOs. The Program offers personalized advice, instruction, and support for them to make plans and receive trainings for lifelong career development.

### **Reading of Classics**

Apart from curricular training, scholars organize monthly colloquiums to read and discuss classics of the East and West.

### ***Huangzhu Yitan* (Affective conversations by bamboo)**

This is a communicative platform constructed and maintained by scholars themselves. *Huangzhu Yitan* allows peers to enjoy relaxing exchanges and to share issues of particular interest with each other. The time, venue, and topic of it can be flexible and completely decided by scholars.

### **World Café**

By creating an environment conducive to conversation and communication, the World Café seeks to promote scholars' sense of responsibility and foster a deeper and broader understanding of the possibilities of individuals.

# Instructors

Most of the instructors for the program are eminent professionals within their fields recruited from top-ranked institutions around the world.

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## Distinguished Professors

**Joël Bellassen**

Inspector General in Chinese Language Teaching, Ministry of Education of France

**Lai Chen**

Dean of Academy of Chinese Learning, Tsinghua University

**Xiaoyong Chen**

Professor at the Hochschule für Musik und Theater Hamburg

**Chung-yi Cheng**

Professor at and Director of MA programme of Department of Philosophy, the Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Hung Cheng**

Professor of Applied Mathematics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Peikai Cheng**

Chairman of Hong Kong Branch of Chinese Folk Literature and Art Association

**Hung-lam Chu**

Chairman, Council of Confucius Institute of Hong Kong

**Hans van Ess**

Member of AdW Mainz and former Vice President of Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität of München

**Yufan Hao**

Professor at School of Humanities and Social Science, CUHK-Shenzhen

**Kwang-Kuo Hwang**

Professor Emeritus at Department of Psychology, National Taiwan University

**Wansheng Huang**

Scholar in Harvard-Yenching Institute

**Wenwei Guo**

former Deputy Commissioner of Independent Commission Against Corruption

**Zhiyong Lan**

Professor at School of Public Policy & Management, Tsinghua University

**Lixing Lao**

former Director and Honorary Professor at School of Chinese Medicine, The University of Hong Kong

**James Lee**

Dean and Professor at School of Humanities and Social Science, Hong Kong University Of Science and Technology

**Yuen-sang Leung**

Director of Research Centre for Contemporary Chinese Culture, Institute of Chinese Studies and Emeritus Professor at Department of History, the Chinese University of Hong Kong



**Bozhong Li**

Professor of History at Tsinghua University

**Jianwei Lian**

Professor at Zhejiang Chinese Medical School

**Linwei Lin**

Director Of Zhejiang Kunqu Opera Troupe

**Xiaogan Liu**

Professor of Philosophy at the Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Alan Macfarlane**

Professor Emeritus at King's College, Cambridge

**Xiaoyu Peng**

Professor of History at Peking University

**Martin Powers**

Professor of Chinese Arts and Cultures at the University of Michigan

**Kai Sung**

Professor of Management at National Central University

**Weiming Tu**

Harvard-Yenching Professor Emeritus of Chinese History and Philosophy and of Confucian Studies

**Lap-Chee Tsui**

former President of University of Hong Kong

**Gungwu Wang**

Former President of University of Hong Kong

**Zengwen Yang**

Honorary Member of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

**Tan Ye**

Chair Professor at School of Economics, Peking University and Researcher of Institute of Economics, CASS

**Xiaohuang Yin**

Professor at Michigan State University

**Jiang Yu**

Professor at Law School, Huazhong University of Science and Technology

**Weiren Zhang**

Professor at National Taiwan University

**Yuan Zhang**

Professor of History at National Tsinghua University

**Zhongyun Zi**

former Director of the Institute of American Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

## Distinguished Guests

**Lawrence Bacow**

The 29th President of Harvard University

**Shadi Bartsch-Zimmer**

Helen A. Regenstein Distinguished Service Professor of Classics at the University of Chicago

**Ole von Beust**

former First Mayor of Hamburg

**Christian Brechot**

French physician and president of the Global Virus Network

**Gerald Chan**

President of Morningside Group

**Ronnie Chan**

Co-Chairman of the Asia Society, President of Hang Lung Group

**Fan-Cheong Chan**

President of the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology

**Susana Chou**

former President of the Legislative Assembly of Macau

**Steven Chu**

Nobel Prize Laureate in Physics

**Charles R. Conn**

former Warden and Global CEO of Rhodes House and the Rhodes Trust

**Jonathan F. Fanton**

former President of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences

**Josh Friedman**

Pulitzer Prize-winning Journalist and Professor at Columbia University

**Kwok-king Fung**

Group Chairman of Li & Fung Group of Companies

**Michele Geraci**

Undersecretary of State, Economic Development for the Italian government

**Way Kuo**

former President of City University of Hong Kong

**Juen-yee Lau**

former President of the Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Chun-ying Leung**

the third Chief Executive of Hong Kong

**Justin Yifu Lin**

Dean of Institute of New Structural Economics at Peking University

**Yiliang Liu**

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**Kishore Mahbubani**

Professor in the Practice of Public Policy at the NUS

**Mario Monti**

former Prime Minister of Italy

**David W. Oxtoby**

President of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences

**Yi Qian**

Academician of Chinese Academy of Engineering and Professor at Tsinghua University

**Rafael Reif**

Chancellor of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Shaun Rein**

Founder and Managing Director of the China Market Research Group

**Nathaniel Charles Jacob Rothschild**

4th Baron Rothschild

**Dame Nancy Jane Rothwell**

President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manchester

**Peter Salovey**

President of Yale University

**On Schiro**

Vice Chairman of Italian Parliament

**Fred Schrader**

winner of NWO-Spinozapremie

**Timothy W. Tong**

President of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University

**Chavalit Frederick Tsao**

Chairman of the Board of Directors of IMC Group

**Fanru Zeng**

Member of the Republic of Singapore Think Tank

**Xinsheng Zhang**

former Vice Minister of the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China

**Robert J. Zimmer**

former President of University of Chicago

**Special Remembrance****Shengchun Zhou**

Professor at School of Economics, Zhejiang University and Lifetime Professor Emeritus of the Morningside Cultural China Scholars Program

**Yu-Chien Kuan**

former President of Association of Chinese Scholars in Europe

**James Mirrlees**

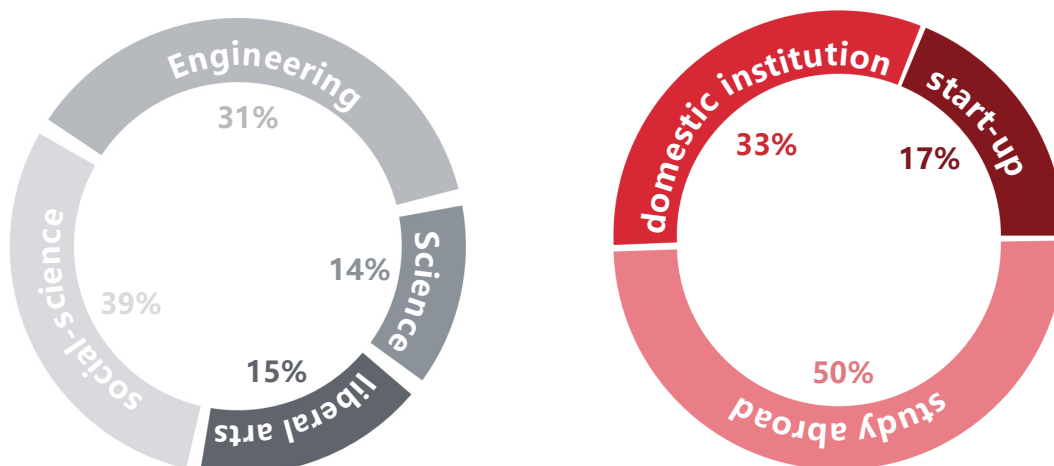
Nobel Prize Laureate in Economic Sciences

**Nathan Glazer**

American Urban Sociologist and Outspoken Intellectual

# Scholars

From 2008 to 2025, a total of 424 students from fourteen classes graduated from the program. In each class a balance was maintained between male and female scholars, science/tech/agriculture/medicine majors and art/liberal arts/social-science majors.



Among the 424 scholars in grades 1-14, a total of 214 went on to study abroad at top universities including Harvard, MIT, Oxford, Cambridge, Stanford and Yale (50%). A total of 136 scholars went to leading institutes in China including Tsinghua University, Peking University and CAS systems (32%). 62 of our graduates have established start-ups or have been otherwise well employed (15%).

For the last 15 years, the program has produced numerous outstanding graduates who have served as Rhode Scholars, Fulbright Scholars, senior executives of ranking corporations, successful entrepreneurs, faculty at top universities, or founders of well-regarded public benefit organizations, and has been highly acclaimed by figures from various fields.

# Quotes

(They are) the smartest young Chinese leaders of the future. It's an inspiring program, and we look forward to this program. They are really future world leaders.

**Josette Sheeran**

Former Under Secretary of United States  
President of the Asia Society

I can honestly say that they were one of the most impressive groups of young scholars I have ever met. They brought with them thoughtful questions, keen insights, and a clear appreciation for knowledge and its value in promoting the common good. I probably learned more from them than they learned from me.

**Jonathan Fanton**

President of American Academy of Arts and Sciences

This program is a great program. As always, we found them especially bright, inquisitive, and thoughtful, and the questions they asked were sophisticated and interesting.

**Robert Zimmer**

President of the University of Chicago

They are exceptionally bright students, and I valued the opportunity to talk with them and answer their thought-provoking questions.

**Rafael Reif**

Chancellor of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

I just met with a bright, curious and engaging group of Morningside Scholars on their visit to Yale. They were well-informed and asked excellent questions. I greatly enjoyed my time with them.

**Richard C. Levin**

Former President of Yale University

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