

## THE PROGRAM

The Visiting Student Program offers eight awards per year to support mainland Chinese postgraduate students for an academic year of courses, study and mentoring in Western philosophy with a focus on science and religion.

Eight students per year will be placed at four American institutions: the University of Notre Dame, Baylor University, Calvin College, and Hope College. We reserve the right to assign students to the various universities/colleges.

Visiting students are expected to take a series of courses in the history of Western philosophy, philosophy of science, and science and religion. Particular classes and courses of study will be determined by each sponsoring institution.

The Visiting Student Program award will cover airfare, insurance, fees, books, room and board; tuition will be paid for by the host institution.

## GOALS

The goals of the program for visiting students are to give the most promising Chinese postgraduate students in philosophy a deeper acquaintance with the Western philosophical tradition in general and its approaches to religion and science more particularly.

## DEADLINE

If you intend to apply, you should send a letter of interest to Donna Romanowski ([drom@calvin.edu](mailto:drom@calvin.edu)) by December 15, 2007 and she will inform you of the procedure for taking the examination. All application materials are due January 15, 2008. Selected applicants will be interviewed and successful applicants will be notified by April 1, 2008.

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## APPLICATION MATERIALS

Applicants should email the following materials in English to: Donna Romanowski ([drom@calvin.edu](mailto:drom@calvin.edu)).

- 1 Letter of Introduction.** This letter should tell us about your background, level of education, how you got interested in philosophy and what your main philosophical interests are. You should also tell us of your career goals and how you think a year of study in the United States might assist you.
- 2 Recommendation.** Your advisor should attest to your academic abilities and potential, and how you would profit from a year of study of Western philosophy. Recommendations should be sent to us confidentially and directly. You should also include a letter from your department chair indicating his or her permission for you to attend a US university should you receive the fellowship.
- 3 Essay Test.** You will be given essay text which should be completed in an exam-like atmosphere: in a classroom with no access to secondary literature. We want to see how well you can read and write in English, your abilities to understand an argument, and your critical skills. You may take up to two hours. Your test should then be typed and emailed along with your letter of introduction.
- 4 Interview.** Selected candidates will be interviewed. Interviews will be held for selected candidates either at their home university, or a nearby university, funds will be provided to pay travel expenses to a university in another city where the interview will take place.

## INITIATIVE

Calvin College and The Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP) announce a major, three-year initiative for Chinese scholars to reflect on the relationship between science, philosophy and belief. This initiative, which receives major support from the John Templeton Foundation, will include a variety of projects:

**An intensive seminar** at Calvin College in the summer of 2008 for selected Chinese scholars, in conversation with some of the leading Western experts in this field.

**A major academic conference** at a Chinese university in the summer of 2009, at which the seminar participants present papers they have prepared, alongside SCP members.

**A volume of essays** drawn from the conference, published by a Chinese university press.

**A three-year series of lectures** and seminars in China taught by visiting SCP scholars.

**A program of visiting fellowships** for Chinese postgraduate students at Baylor University, University of Notre Dame, Calvin College, and Hope College; and, for junior faculty, a year of study at Notre Dame, Baylor and Calvin.

**A program of book distribution** for Chinese seminar participants and universities hosting SCP programs.

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