

ABOUT OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Supported by Ottawa United Learning Academy, a non-profit organization, Ottawa International Students Entrepreneurship (OISE) was originally launched by a group of educators and professionals who have experiences in education abroad. The objectives of OISE include aiding and supporting international students, especially Chinese international students, to adapt their life in a foreign country to successfully accomplish their education, as well as to achieve both education and career development.

According to UNESCO, China has become a leading country with the largest number of students pursuing education overseas: in every seven international students, one student originates from China. As of the end of 2007, over 20 thousand Chinese students studied in Canada, accounting for more than 25 percent of all international students in this country. Nevertheless, among thousands of Chinese students, around 70 percent failed to achieve their desired objectives. Among these, 30 percent changed the program of studies; and 20 percent postponed or failed to graduate. As a consequence of China's economic growth and improved financial status of households, the structure of Chinese international students is changing. Aside from the few merit scholarship holders who have financial support to study abroad, many international students from China are from wealthy households and sometimes do not meet China's university entrance examination cut-offs. These students often come from one-child families, and are sometimes unable to care for themselves while away from home, and have difficulty with motivation for their studies.

OISE aims to reach out for foreign students to adapt their life and studies, to reduce the cost of studying abroad, to achieve the best result in studies, and to alleviate the worries of concerned parents. OISE employs professionals with extensive teaching and entrepreneurship experiences in China and abroad, and a strong sense of responsibility. They include Yifeng Jiang, project coordinator, holding degrees from Huazhong Normal University (Wuhan, China), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (Beijing, China), and Carleton University (Ottawa, Canada); Gloria Yuan, project director, graduated from Beijing Jiaotong University, with more than ten-years of teaching experience at Beijing Poly-Tech University and Ottawa United Learning Academy; Vincent Liu, a graduate of China Northeastern University (Shenyang, China), Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada.

If resources are not utilized to the best extent or if no efforts are made, students will fail to achieve their goals. Studying abroad provides opportunities and challenges to demonstrate one's talent. Prior to departure, it is very important to determine major direction and objectives of the study. During the study, students ought to maintain good interpersonal relationships and self-confidence with a healthy attitude towards life, the best use of resources to foster competitiveness in pursuit of self-affirmation and success. To this end, OISE provides a full-packaged service including careful planning and professional guidance to make a knowledgeable choice of study program; careful preparations for language training or individual counseling; meeting with students often to discuss their progression; to communicate with students' parents regularly. In accordance with Canada's new policy, students completed their studies can apply for a three-year work visa. Accumulation of work experience for more than one year can allow the student to apply for permanent residence. In addition to the above-mentioned services, OISE assists students extend their study permit, and to apply for work visas, permanent residence and employment support.

For learn more about OISE, please visit www.tnc-online.net (Chinese), www.tnc-online.org (English). Inquiries and suggestions are most welcomed. Contact email: sino@tnc-online.org.