



## Experience a World of Difference

The Scholar Ship is a semester-long academic program aboard a dedicated passenger ship that traverses the globe as an oceangoing campus. Students and staff from around the world come together to form a transnational learning community designed to develop their intercultural competence and leadership skills.

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Learning Circle

### What's New

- TSS Research Institute Executive Director Honored with BioVision Fellowship**  
We are proud to announce that Dr. Ravinder Bhatia, Executive Director of The Scholar Ship Research Institute, has been honored by his selection as a BioVision Fellow. BioVision Fellows are 100 of the top young scientists designated every two years from leading universities and research institutes around the world. The Fellows came together last month in France for the BioVision.Nxt Programme of the World Life Sciences Forum, the most important gathering of opinion leaders and decision makers in the life sciences. Science, society, and industry are equally represented at the highest level with the goal of shaping future policy in the health care, agriculture/nutrition, and environmental sectors. Dr. Bhatia's selection as a BioVision Fellow not only honors him; by association, it honors and reflects well upon The Scholar Ship and its innovative efforts. Prior to joining The Scholar Ship, Dr. Bhatia held the position of Senior Engineer at the European Space Agency.  
[Learn more about The Scholar Ship Research Institute >>](#)
- Global HR News Survey Underscores Significance of Intercultural Programs Like The Scholar Ship**  
The results are in. Study abroad, and especially learning alongside others of different nationalities, helps advance one's career. The Scholar Ship recently commissioned a survey by Global HR News in which human resources executives worldwide were asked their opinions on the importance of study abroad. Nearly three in four (73%) cited study abroad as "important" when evaluating the resumé of a job candidate for a junior-level position, and 8 in 10 believed that a study abroad experience was an important factor when weighing overseas job placement within their companies. Furthermore, two-thirds (67%) of HR executives surveyed said that a study abroad experience within a culturally diverse student environment distinguishes a job candidate from others studying only with students from their own country. Finally, survey respondents cited "cultural awareness/sensitivity/tolerance" and an

### International Business and Communication (Undergraduate)

Advances in technology over the past few decades have created an extensively interconnected world. Products, services and ideas flow across borders at rates in volumes unimaginable even 10 years ago. To successfully compete in the global marketplace, business professionals must attain the capacity to think globally and communicate in an intercultural context. In this Learning Circle, students and academic teaching staff compare the varying business practices and cultural aspects in each country we visit as a means to engage in broader discussions about international business and communication.

If you currently study or are

survey respondents cited "cultural awareness/sensitivity/tolerance" and an "international perspective" as the two biggest attributes gleaned from a study abroad experience.

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- **Cultural Diversity and Academic Level of Student Body Reflected in Applications for Admission**

Applications for admission to The Scholar Ship program have thus far been submitted by students from over 115 countries. We have received applications from countries as diverse as Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cote Divoire, Cuba, Cyprus, and Czech Republic to name just those countries starting with the letter "C." The balance between applications for the undergraduate and postgraduate programs has surpassed our expectations as well, with 57 percent submitted for the undergraduate program and 43 percent for the postgraduate program.

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## Port Spotlight: Shanghai, China



The two Chinese characters in the name "Shanghai" literally mean "on"/"top" and "sea." While there are disputes as to how the name should exactly be interpreted, official local histories have consistently said that it means "the upper reaches of the sea." Shanghai also represents the upper reaches of the inaugural journey of The Scholar Ship, offering the final academic program port for the September 2007 voyage.

Spectacular Shanghai, covering nearly 6000 square kilometers, is the largest city in the People's Republic of China and the eighth largest in the world. Widely considered the citadel of China's modern economy, the city also serves as one of the most important cultural, commercial, financial, industrial and communications centers in the country. Shanghai is also one of the world's most colorful and busiest ports, and became the largest cargo port in the world in 2005. The city pulses with a population of 18.7 million, who enjoy a city laden with ancient temples and intimate gardens as well as high-tech skyscrapers that mark the pinnacle of China's incredible recent growth.

### *Academic Field Program: Postgraduate International Relations*

The Scholar Ship students in the Postgraduate International Relations Learning Circle will trace the development of China in becoming one of the most influential players on the international stage, and Shanghai's role in this rise. Shanghai was originally a small, coastal fishing village, and was not even an official County until 19 August 1291 during the Yuan Dynasty, now celebrated as the official founding of the modern city. The rise to its current status as an international metropolis and the center of popular culture and global business will be explored in lectures and presentations by local government officials, academics, ex-patriot communities, and members of the private sector.

interested in the following fields of study, the International Business and Communication Learning Circle is one you should consider:

- Advertising
- Business Administration
- Communications
- Economics
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Journalism
- Management
- Marketing
- Public Relations

[Learn more about this and other Learning Circles >>](#)

## TSS in the News

We continue to garner great media coverage throughout the world. The Scholar Ship program has now been featured in over 100 articles in media across the globe. Some of the media featuring The Scholar Ship are:

- **USAToday** (USA)
- **Dagens Nyheter** (Sweden)
- **The Korea Herald** (Korea)

To read these and other select articles in full, visit [TSS in the News. >>](#)

Through a "backstage tour of Bund," the old heart of Shanghai, students will meet with officials from foreign consulates, multinational corporations, and international diplomatic "clubs." Students will participate in workshops concerning topics that range from China's current role on the Security Council, recent negotiations with North Korea on disarmament, the political history and hopes concerning Hong Kong and Taiwan, diplomatic issues with neighboring Japan, China's growing economic power, and the decision to use a state-sanctioned version of Google in the country. Students will be presented with a variety of perspectives and challenged to come up with their own solutions, especially in the context of their insights from visiting other countries on The Scholar Ship journey.

Finally, students will meet with local officials who are designing Expo 2010, the World Fair which Shanghai is preparing to host in just a few years, following the grand tradition of international expositions. Students will discuss with Expo leaders the economic and political impact of hosting such a global event and the dilemmas and decisions that must be faced in the preparations. The theme of the exposition will be "Better City - Better Life" and signifies Shanghai's new status in the 21st century as a major political, economic and cultural center. It is expected to generate the largest number of visitors in the history of the world's fairs.

Back on the ship, students will compare their experiences with students in other Learning Circles, as well as with their own experiences from the other ports of call. Then it will be time to complete their academic journey, finishing their final exams while crossing the South China Sea and preparing for their final port stop in Japan.

### **Application Deadline Fast Approaching**

If you are interested in enrolling in the September 2007 voyage, please submit your application by 30 April 2007. For detailed application instructions, please visit the [How to Apply](#) page on our website.

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