



***Universitas 21* Summer School 2010**

Food Security: Global Politics, National Policies, Local Practices

The University of Nottingham, Ningbo, China

July 5 – 15, 2010

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES

The International Relations Office (IRO) invites applications from NUS undergraduates in their **3rd year and above** to participate in the upcoming Universitas 21 (U21) Summer School, hosted by The University of Nottingham, Ningbo, China from July 5 – 15, 2010.

This year's theme will focus on global food security and take an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approach to exploring the issue of food security through global politics, national policies, and local practices.

Up to five outstanding NUS undergraduate students in their **third year and above** will be selected to attend the Summer School. Students will be given the opportunity to explore the complex sustainable development issue of global food security with an international audience of fellow students, faculty, and mentors from the U21 universities; engage in thoughtful discussion; as well as a chance to explore the culture of China.

IRO is pleased to provide financial support to successful candidates consisting of a lump sum which students can use to help offset the cost of registration fee, airfare, accommodation, and local transportation.

The 2010 U21 Summer School at The University of Nottingham, Ningbo, China campus will explore the pertinent issues of today's world. Besides looking at the economic, social, environment, trade and production aspects of food security, this Summer School aims to enrich U21 students with interesting field trips in the region, lively discussion sessions and debate opportunities with local and global experts. There will also be a buddy system to promote inter-cultural exchange between U21 students and Chinese students.

For more information on U21 Summer Schools, please visit

<http://www.universitas21.com/summer.html>.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Related topics that will be covered in the Summer School include:

- Global food systems
- Global environmental changes
- World trade and food policies
- Threats to sustainable agriculture
- Food standards and safety labels
- Organic and local produces
- Mitigation prospects of food insecurity

- Food aid
- Genetically Modified food
- Food versus Fuel
- Case studies of Chinese and African fishing and farming communities.

WHO CAN APPLY?

The U21 Summer School is open to full-time NUS undergraduate students **third year and above**. Students from any faculty / school / discipline and of any nationality may apply. However, students must keep in mind that they will be responsible for meeting all immigration requirements for China.

The interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approach of the Summer School allows students from all academic backgrounds to apply. Students should see this as an opportunity to engage with a diverse group of students from other U21 member universities, discuss the issue of food security, and explore the culture and landscape of China.

Successful applicants should possess a good command of the English language, are thoughtful and mature in their outlook, and be able to act as effective ambassadors of NUS.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Students interested in applying for the Summer School must complete and submit the attached application form along with the relevant documents either to:

International Relations Office, National University of Singapore
3rd Storey, Unit 03-03
Shaw Foundation Alumni House
11 Kent Ridge Drive, Singapore 119244

or

International Relations Office mail box
Student Service Centre
Yusof Ishak House, Level 1
National University of Singapore,
31 Lower Kent Ridge Road
Singapore 119078

Please indicate U21 Summer School 2010 Application (ATTN: Ms Nooraini Rahman) on the envelope.

Applications should reach International Relations Office (IRO) by **16 April 2010**. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted to attend an interview to be scheduled during the week of April 19 – 23, 2010. Final decisions will be made by April 30, 2010.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR RELATED QUERIES, PLEASE CONTACT:

Email: u21@nus.edu.sg

SUMMER SCHOOL EXPENSES

There is a registration fee for the Summer School of 4000 CNY (reminbi) per person. This fee will cover accommodation and all meals apart from the evening meal. In addition, the cost of transfer from Ningbo to Shanghai for the final part of the Summer School is included in the fee. All costs of transportation to the Ningbo campus and back from the Shanghai Expo will need to be borne by the participant. Since the evening meal is not provided, it is suggested that each participant will need spending money of between 3000 and 4000 CNY (reminbi).

Participants are also responsible for the costs of air travel to and from Shanghai, local transportation, accommodation, evening meals, and other miscellaneous fees. *The financial support from IRO will help to offset these costs and cover the registration fee (which will be paid directly by IRO to the Summer School hosts).* Any difference in the costs of participation will have to be covered by the participant.

Participants may also have to cover extra food costs (except organized meals), laundry, transportation fees, and extra-day accommodation. It is highly recommended that participants buy insurance before their departure.

ABOUT UNIVERSITAS 21

Universitas 21 (U21) is an international network of leading research-intensive universities. Its purpose is to facilitate collaboration and cooperation between member universities and create entrepreneurial opportunities for them on a scale that none would individually, or through traditional bilateral alliances, be able to achieve.

For more information about U21, please log on www.universitas21.com

ABOUT U21 SUMMER SCHOOL

Since 2004, there has been an annual U21 Summer School. Each Summer School has had a global theme and attracted some of the best students from around the U21 network to engage in an exchange of culture, experiences and intellect. Please visit <http://www.universitas21.com/summer.html> for more details.