COLUMBIA ENGINEERING WINTER GLOBAL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE: EXPLORING GLOBAL ENGINEERING WITH CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

JANUARY 7th – 15TH, 2012

Program Features
The Winter Global Educational Experience is open to Columbia Engineering students who wish to immerse themselves in an international location, in new, exciting learning opportunities and experiences, and to experience the global nature of engineering in the 21st century. Program features include the following:

- Pre-departure workshops which include a program overview, presentations on cultural fluency and expectations, and a chance to discuss any logistical questions. Participation in the pre-departure program is mandatory and all students will be expected to become familiar with materials made available to them prior to departure.
- Housing with other participants through City University of Hong Kong (required)
- A full program of lectures and seminars, site visits, social gatherings with City University of Hong Kong students and faculty, sight-seeing opportunities, and social networking engagements with Columbia Engineering alumni.
- End-of-Program Reflection Session that includes evaluation of the experience and goal attainment analysis.

Expenses: The cost for the program is $2350. This includes all housing, 3 meals daily, transportation to and from the airport and all internal transportation, and cultural outings. A deposit of $500 must be made to secure your place on the Winter Study Trip. Checks should be made payable to Columbia Engineering. The cost does not include airfare to and from Hong Kong and students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements.

Financial Support for travel and visa fees may be available on a case-by-case basis. For more information on budgeting for the Winter Global Education Experience, please contact Dean Leora Brovman at lb2258@columbia.edu.

Travel Arrangements: Students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to Hong Kong, to arrive no later than Saturday, January 7th, 2012. The cost of the trip does not include airfare to and from Hong Kong. Students are responsible for securing their own passports, visas and immunizations and for the costs associated with these.

Eligibility
Applicants must be current Columbia Engineering sophomores and juniors.
Applicants must be able to commit to the full program.
Applicants must have a desire to engage in new cultural experiences and be willing to expand their horizons.

Terms of Participation:
Eligibility: Students must be eligible for Dean’s List in order to participate in this program. Students must also be in good disciplinary standing. If a student’s GPA falls below the minimum requirement in the fall
semester prior to the program, approval may be rescinded and the student will bear all associated costs of removal from the program.

**Health Coverage:**

You must have health coverage while abroad. You will have to show that the insurance covers international coverage as well.

Students are responsible for securing their own passports, visas and immunizations and for the costs associated with these.

**ANY STUDENT WHO WISHES TO PARTICIPATE BUT MAY NOT HAVE THE FINANCIAL ABILITY TO DO SO IS ENCOURAGED TO MEET WITH DEAN BROVMAN TO DISCUSS FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES AND OPTIONS FOR FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAM.**
COLUMBIA ENGINEERING
WINTER BREAK INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE
APPLICATION

Name: ________________________________________  UNI: ____________

Cell phone number: __________________________

Academic department: __________________________  Graduation year: __________

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Why do you want to participate in the Winter Global Educational Experience?

2. What do you hope to gain from this experience?

3. Do you have any prior cultural/international experience or background which will enhance your ability to make the most of this experience?

4. How does the Winter Global Experience fit into the larger trajectory of your academic and professional life?

5. Do you currently have a valid passport with an expiration date no earlier than June 2012 (for visa purposes as required by the Chinese government), or can you obtain one no later than October 30th, 2011?

6. Have you ever been on academic probation? Yes or No

7. Have you ever been on disciplinary probation? Yes or No

If yes, can you please outline the circumstances of the situation?
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR ADVISING DEAN IN THE CENTER FOR STUDENT ADVISING

Please indicate below whether you have any comments to make about this student’s ability to participate in this program. We strongly encourage a frank and open response so that we can ensure that students who are part of this program are able to make the most of it and to contribute to it in substantial ways. Please also verify for us the student’s academic and disciplinary standing, as per questions 5 and 6 above.

TO THE APPLICANT: I waive my right to see my adviser’s comments. Yes or No

Advising Dean:

Date:

Please return this application together with your deposit of $500 to Leora Brovman, 254P Mudd, no later than October 15th. Checks should be made out to Columbia Engineering........................... Students will be notified of their selection for the Winter Study Trip by the end of October and final payments for the program must be made no later than November 30, 2012.