



# DISCOVER

2019 Participant Application

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## About the Program

The Mon Sheong Foundation is proud to present DiSCOVER 2019, our biennial cultural youth development program! DiSCOVER is a 3-month program, which offers participants a unique opportunity to learn and experience the many facets of Chinese culture. The program includes Mandarin lessons and cultural workshops that focus on cultivating leadership, inspiring volunteerism, and nurturing curiosity as life-long learners.

This all culminates in a 15-day trip to various cities across China with a group of individuals like yourself. You will get to explore Chinese culture first hand, have the opportunity to engage with students from top universities in China, and experience landmark sites including the Great Wall of China and Terracotta Warriors - an experience unlike any other.

Here is some key information to consider:

- Program enrollment fee is \$2,100\* (includes the cost of the leadership retreat, Mandarin classes, workshops, and the trip to China)  
\* *Price is subject to change. Excludes additional minor incidental fees.*
- The entire program runs from the end of April to early August
- The Leadership Retreat will take place from May 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- The trip to China will start in the middle of July 2019

As DiSCOVER 2019 is heavily subsidized by the Mon Sheong Foundation, our donors and our sponsors, we are only able to select **20 participants** for the program. To determine your eligibility, please refer to Page 5 of this application package. For all inquiries, please contact Willa Tam, Volunteer Services and Youth Group Development Coordinator, by phone at (416) 291-3898 x 3022 or by email at [discover@monsheong.org](mailto:discover@monsheong.org).

Learn more at <http://discover.monsheong.org/>

## *Letter from the Chairs*

Dear Potential DiSCOVER Applicant,

We are thrilled that you've decided to consider applying for the Mon Sheong DiSCOVER 2019 program! This is an initiative that our organizing committee, along with the Mon Sheong Foundation, has been tirelessly working on for the past year.

The Mon Sheong DiSCOVER program aims to help Canadian youth forge a connection with the Chinese culture, promote a spirit of volunteerism within them, and foster lifelong relationships between these like-minded individuals. All our activities have been designed with these values in mind, and we are extremely excited to have the chance to share this with you. Whether you are well-versed in Chinese culture and just want further enrichment, or completely new to Chinese culture, DiSCOVER has something valuable to offer.

As past participants of DiSCOVER, we truly believe this is one of the most enriching and memorable experiences of which we have been a part. We were both Chinese Canadians who have spent essentially our entire lives in Canada. While we were aware of our Chinese heritage, it was difficult to fully embrace that part of our identity because we were never truly immersed in it. DiSCOVER changed that – it not only gave us both the opportunity to learn more about the Chinese culture, but it allowed us the opportunity to travel to China and experience the culture firsthand with other like-minded youth whom we can now call friends.

By joining DiSCOVER, you will give yourself access to experiences few will ever have. From making dumplings with professionals and learning about Chinese music with experienced orchestral members, to tandem-biking with a friend along an old Chinese city wall and taking in the scenery below, DiSCOVER offers once-in-a-lifetime experiences you will not forget. We have worked hard to secure the best possible elements for DiSCOVER 2019, and we are confident that this year's edition will be the best yet.

We look forward to having you join us on this journey.

Warmest regards,

Rebecca Chu  
DiSCOVER 2019 Co-Chair

Galen Chan  
DiSCOVER 2019 Co-Chair

## Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

1. Be between the age of 19 and 30 by April 29, 2019
2. Own a Canadian or Chinese passport, valid until at least February 2020
3. Be of Chinese origin and/or have a strong interest in the Chinese culture
4. Have a passion for volunteering and community involvement
5. Be proficient in English  
*Note: Mandarin lessons are included in the DISCOVER 2019 program*
6. Be able to travel from mid-July to early August 2019
7. Be able to attend and participate in events, lessons, and workshops leading up to the trip (e.g. Leadership Retreat in May). Programs will be scheduled on weekends.

## Selection Overview

There are two stages to the selection process:

1. Application (due February 1, 2019 at 11:59pm)
  - Volunteer Experience
  - Application Questions
  - References
  - Resume
2. In-person panel interview (starting January 2019)

## *Application Form Instructions*

This application must be submitted to Mon Sheong Foundation no later than **Friday, February 1, 2019 at 11:59pm.**

Applications will be accepted via:

- <http://discover.monsheong.org> (through Google Forms)
- Email [discover@monsheong.org](mailto:discover@monsheong.org) (PDF submission)
- Mail-in/drop-off:

Care of DiSCOVER  
Mon Sheong Foundation  
Building C, Corporate Office  
11211 Yonge Street  
Richmond Hill, Ontario  
L4S 0E9, Canada

*Note: All information collected will remain confidential and only be used for program purposes.*

Please complete all sections in legible writing/printing. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

**(A) PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

First Name	Middle Name (if applicable)	Surname	
Chinese Name (if applicable)	Title: (Mr./ Mrs./ Ms./ Dr.)	Preferred Name (if applicable)	Age
Address (include number, street, and city)	Postal Code	Nationality	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Preferred Email Address	
Languages Spoken and Proficiency (Basic/Intermediate/Advanced)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul>			
Medical conditions and lifestyle restrictions that we should be aware of (i.e. dietary, allergies, injuries, and medications):			

**(B) ACADEMIC/EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:**

Complete as required. Please place a dash ( - ) in non-applicable fields.

Academic Institution and Program (if applicable)	Year of Graduation (or expected)
Place of Most Recent Employment	Position

**(C) AVAILABILITY:**

Workshops: Available Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm from May to July 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Leadership Retreat: Available May 3-5, 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Trip to China: Available from mid-July to early August 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If you answered "No" to any of the above, please list your other commitments		

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**(D) VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:**

Choose two volunteer positions that have developed your skills or taught you meaningful lessons. Describe your experience and why you decided to get involved. Please limit your description to 150 words for each volunteer position and indicate the total word count in the parentheses.

Organization Name		
Position Title	Start Date (mm/yyyy)	End Date (mm/yyyy)
(Word Count: )		

Organization Name		
Position Title	Start Date (mm/yyyy)	End Date (mm/yyyy)
(Word Count: )		

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**(E) APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

Answer the following questions. Please limit all responses to **500 words** and indicate the total word count in the parentheses.

Why do you want to participate in the DISCOVER program? What do you expect to achieve/obtain?  
(Word Count: )

How would your employer, student club executive, or volunteer supervisor describe you?  
(Word Count: )



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**(F) REFERENCES:**

Please provide two references other than family, friends and relatives.

Surname	First Name
Organization (if applicable)	
Preferred Time of Contact	Relationship to Applicant
Email Address	Contact Number

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**(G) RESUME**

Please email a copy of your resume to [discover@monsheong.org](mailto:discover@monsheong.org) and limit it to two pages. The subject line should read: "DiSCOVER 2019 – [First Name, Last Name] Resume"

**(H) MARKET RESEARCH:**

How did you hear about DiSCOVER?

- Poster (location: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Facebook
- Website
- Family/Friends
- School/Student Club: \_\_\_\_\_
- Career Success for Youth Workshops
- Night It Up
- DiSCOVER Open House
- I was nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**(I) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On a scale of -2 to 2, rank the following travelling interests:

(-2: strongly dislike, -1: dislike, 0: indifferent, 1: interested, 2: very interested)

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ___ Adventure               | ___ Nightlife                     |
| ___ Culture and Museums     | ___ Shopping                      |
| ___ Food                    | ___ Sightseeing                   |
| ___ Industry and Innovation | ___ Universities and Student Life |
| ___ Meeting Locals          | ___ Volunteering                  |

In what countries other than Canada have you traveled (if applicable)?

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Do you have any restrictions for traveling outside of Canada?     YES     NO

**(J) REFERRAL:**

Refer a friend or relative for a chance to win a prize.

Name
Relationship to Applicant
Phone Number
Email

**(K) DECLARATION:**

I confirm that the information provided in this application is true, complete, and accurate.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE:

DATE:

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