

## Note to Staff at the Participating Universities

### Young Leaders Program: Inventing the Future

15 January –02 February 2019

Sydney, Australia

#### About the program

**Inventing the Future** (ItF) is an interdisciplinary short course, jointly run by the faculties of Science, Engineering and Information Technologies, Business, and the School of Architecture, Design and Planning at the University of Sydney. The course is aimed at high achieving postgraduate and undergraduate students, to provide them with advanced skills in research translation, design and innovation.

ItF encourages a future-focused approach to innovation, in which problems are addressed from multiple perspectives at once. We ask students to consider these problems in the context of the future. What are the technology, social, environmental and political trends, and what will the future look like in 10 or 15 years?

Student teams will be given a real product brief in **Rapid DNA sequencing, trust or air quality**, of social and economic importance, aligned with areas of university research. They must respond to this brief, producing a working prototype product, business case, and presenting to the expert panel at the end of the program.

#### Program duration

Program in Sydney - 15 January to 02 February 2019\*

*\*Students are required to work in teams to complete and submit the Pre-work (a short report) by **30 November 2018**.*

- 15 January: arrive in Sydney
- 16 January: program starts
- 01 February: program ends
- 02 February: depart from Sydney

#### Participants

The Program is open to students from the University of Sydney's partner universities. We welcome postgraduate and undergraduate students from diverse academic backgrounds to apply, including but not limited to engineering, information technologies, science, health, social sciences, business and design.

Students will **work as a group** alongside students from other leading Chinese universities with different academic backgrounds and also have the opportunity to interact with University of Sydney student mentors.

## Program fee

The program fee of **\$4,550** in Australian dollars per student covers:

- Tuition fees
- Field trips
- 18 nights shared accommodation (room only) from 15 January to 02 February 2019  
*\*Twin en-suite room (with private bathroom) in a fully furnished student apartment block, inclusive of linen, kitchen packs, internet and all utilities.*
- Welcome and farewell lunches
- Airport group pick-up on 15 January\* and transfer on 02 February\*  
*\*Students who are not able to meet the group pick up and transfer time will need to make their own travel arrangements to the accommodation. Travel instructions will be provided.*
- Opal card for Sydney public transport with a pre-loading of \$10
- Certificate of Attendance and Program Assessment Report (transcript) upon successful completion

Students are responsible for any other costs not included in the program fee. We highly recommend that all students arrange international travel insurance prior to departure.

## Application

Interested students should complete and submit the **Program Application Form** to:  
[manager.ilp@sydney.edu.au](mailto:manager.ilp@sydney.edu.au)

The application deadline is **16 October 2018**.

16 October 2018	Application closes
02 November	Students informed of the decision on their application
15 November	Group visa application support letter sent to participating university
20 November	Full payment received by the University of Sydney
30 November	Students submit the Pre-work report to <a href="mailto:manager.ilp@sydney.edu.au">manager.ilp@sydney.edu.au</a>

## Selection

All applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Motivation for participation
- Relevant experience and extracurricular activities
- Being an individual thinker as well as enjoying working in a team
- Commitment including completion of the group pre-work task prior to course commencement

The course will be conducted in English in an intensive form. Although we will not ask for any evidence of a formal English language assessment, an adequate level of English language ability equivalent to IELTS 6.5, TOEFL iBT 79 or above is essential in order to benefit fully from the program.

## Visa

Students should apply for an Australian Visitor Visa (subclass 600). For details, please visit the Australian Government [Department of Home Affairs](#) website or consult your nearest [Australian Visa Application Centre \(AVAC\)](#) in China.

## Payment

Student may use The University of Sydney's online payment system to pay program fee. A payment link will be sent via email upon confirmation of participation.

Visa or MasterCard can be used for online payment. All payments will be made in Australian Dollars.

## Refund

In the event of **individual** cancellation, the participating university must notify the University of Sydney in writing.

### Refunds – reasons other than visa refusal

**\$1,820** per participant, being 40% of the total fee of **\$4,550**, is **non-refundable**.

- For any individual cancellation before 30 November 2018 (inclusive) no cancellation fee will apply.
- For any individual cancellation between 01 December 2018 and 01 January 2019 (inclusive), there will be a cancellation charge of **\$200** per participant in addition to **\$1,820** per participant, the non-refundable deposit of the total program fee.
- For any individual cancellation on or after 01 January 2019, there will be no refund.

### Refunds - visa refusal

For any individual cancellation due to visa refusal, a refund will be made after deduction of an administrative fee of **\$200** per participant. In addition, any fees for program activities, accommodation or logistics which have been pre-paid will also be deducted.

A copy of the visa refusal letter issued by the Australian Embassy and/or Consulate General must be sent with the written notification in order to process refund.

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