

Gallaudet University

Private Institution | ~2,000 Students
Accessible & Inclusive Study Abroad Program in China

Gallaudet University was awarded a U.S. Department of State Capacity Building for Study Abroad Grant in 2012. As the world's only university specifically designed to accommodate deaf and hard of hearing students, Gallaudet utilized the grant funding to create an accessible and inclusive study abroad program for various academic disciplines at Beijing Union University (BUU) in China. To date, the grant funding and resulting program have assisted over 50 students, faculty, and staff to travel to and study at BUU, while also helping to establish a bi-lateral partnership that has enabled BUU students to study at Gallaudet in Washington, D.C.

Grant Goals



Improve study abroad experience for deaf & hard of hearing students



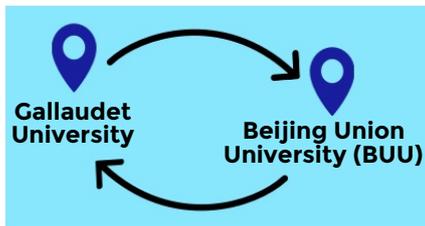
Pilot Accessible & Inclusive Study Abroad Program



Work with Beijing Union University to improve instruction for Gallaudet & BUU students

Outcomes & Successes

Short-term, two-way exchange program for Gallaudet & BUU students



With the possibility of a dual degree program in the future, the two institutions have established a successful short-term exchange program.

Improved logistical & instructional support for Gallaudet students participating in exchange at BUU



The administration at BUU provided exceptional local professors in arts and architecture for Gallaudet students. Gallaudet provided an equally exceptional experience for BUU students on their campus.

Deaf, hard of hearing, & visually impaired students studied abroad through Gallaudet & BUU partnership



The grant provided students with disabilities, who are consistently underrepresented in study abroad numbers, to participate in a study abroad program that accommodated their academic goals and personal needs.

Additional Information

Accommodations

American & Chinese Sign Language, in addition to language translation services, contributed significantly to the overall program budget.



Small Groups

Gallaudet chose to enroll small groups of students in the program in order to focus on the unique needs of the students participating in the exchange.



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