



## Program Application Description

Green Across the Pacific invites high school students to apply for our 2010 summer exchange program in Vermont. The 2010 exchange will focus on natural resource management and environmental leadership. Chinese high school students and educators from Guangzhou, China, will join us in Vermont. Participants must have a demonstrable interest in environmental science, policy and government, or international exchange. An exceptional level of curiosity, maturity, resilience and perseverance is required.

**Green Across the Pacific at Champlain College:** All High School students are invited to apply for this course and program in Burlington, Vermont. During three weeks of intensive study you will review regional natural history and environmental policy development with a delegation of Chinese students and teachers through extensive field-work. Field biologists, politicians, state employees, business people, environmentalists and artists will interact with you during this comprehensive survey. Embedded in this review will be an in depth study of a specific and current environmental challenge facing the region. Students have the option of receiving college credit from Champlain College for this program.

Those who successfully complete the Vermont based exchange will be given priority for an expedition to South China during the summer of 2011.

**Green Across the Pacific in South China:** The Affiliated High School of South China Normal University, Guangzhou, China, will design a program in 2011 that will parallel the Vermont program but with a Chinese perspective. You will see a part of China through the lens of a Chinese program, not as a tourist would. While we will review applications from all students, preference will be given to who have already participated in the Vermont program. We will spend time exploring the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region before or after the exchange.

**Educators:** We will consider inquiries from educators. Serving as an **Educator Intern** can lead to relicensing credit and possible employment during future summer programs.

## **Expectations:**

Developing environmental leadership skills will be exciting rewarding, and hard work. If you are selected to participate in this exchange, you will:

- be expected to prepare your research topic prior to the Vermont exchange program.
- complete a review paper and position statement about a current environmental debate during the Vermont Program. Your paper may be published in The Green Dragon.
- offer presentations about your experience and research topic at the close of the program and in your local communities during the 2010-11 academic year.

The anticipated dates for Green Across the Pacific at Champlain College 2010 are July 11<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Tuition, including program costs and housing is \$3,000. Course credit at Champlain College and transportation to and from Vermont is additional. No interested student should avoid applying for financial reasons. We can often provide scholarship support for students with demonstrable need. We expect all students to generate a minimum of \$500 toward tuition from their own resources (employment, family, and personal fundraising).

## **To Complete an Application**

- I) Answer questions on the **Application Form** in essay format.
- II) Ask two mentors to write letters of support on your behalf. Each mentor must comment on your level of interest in environmental science, policy and government, or international exchange, and your curiosity, maturity, resilience, perseverance and ability to function in a group.

**We will begin reviewing applications on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, and continue to accept applications thereafter until spaces are filled. We may ask to interview you in person or on the phone.**

**Send applications to:**

**Green Across the Pacific  
1594 North Orwell Road  
Shoreham, VT 05770**



## Application Form Green Across the Pacific at Champlain College

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level:      Fresh. \_\_\_\_\_ Soph. \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ Please send me information about college credit through Champlain College
- \_\_\_\_\_ Please send me an application for financial assistance

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I) Answer questions below. Use up to one full page per response as needed.

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## Questions

1) Describe one of your strong interests, hobbies or accomplishments. Include any insights that you have developed in the context of this work.

2) How did you become interested in environmental leadership?

3) What do you hope to gain from this exchange? What would you like to learn about Chinese culture and Vermont's environment?

4) What can you offer to others through this exchange? What aspects of American life are you proud of and would like to share with Chinese students?

5) Describe qualities that make for effective group work and communication. Why are these qualities particularly important in the context of this exchange?