The Introduction & Impact of SOU International Visiting Scholar Program

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The Overview of SOU

SOU is a **NEW TYPE** of institution of higher education providing open and distance education to adults and is technically supported by ICT.
Over the past 59 years, more than 500,000 students have been given the opportunity to access higher education.

Development of Open University has entered a new era:

**New Type + First Class**
For All Learners, All For Learners

一切为了学习者, 为了一切学习者
International Role

The members of UNESCO UNITWIN Network in Distance and Open Learning have increased to 17.

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SOU International Visiting Scholar Program

Introduction
How did we set up this program?

SOU International Visiting Scholar Program started in 2013, and it was firstly designed as a program to support the scholars in ODL from African countries.
Program Overview

More than 100 scholars from 44 countries have visited SOU for the international visiting scholar programs since 2013.
In the past 6 years, we have invited scholars from 44 countries, including Europe, Asia, Africa, America and Australia. Recently, responding to the One Silk One Road Initiative, we invited more scholars from those countries.
Duration of the Program
Onsite in Shanghai: 2 weeks from June 10\textsuperscript{th} to June 21\textsuperscript{st}. SOU also maintains Wechat social network groups for Visiting Scholars to foster and maintain professional collaboration and support before, during and after the onsite program.
Requirements for Candidates

The candidates for the program

- Must have relevant teaching and/or research experience in open & distance learning.
- Must possess a post-graduate degree and have held the position as an instructor or above in home institutions.
- Must have fluent written and oral English ability (the working language for all official activities is English).
- In good health.
- Besides the above requirements, applicants who have administrative management experience, or who have been engaged with the collaborative research with SOU, will be given priority in consideration.
Program CALL

Financial Information
SOU will provide the following for the fellowship:

- Hotel accommodation
- Living expense allowance & transportation within Shanghai (during the two weeks), which is 250 RMB per day for the allowance, and 200RMB in total for the inner-city transportation, both are before tax.
- Workspace with Wi-Fi, telephone and internet access
Required Materials for Application (Written in English)

- Curriculum Vitae (candidates should have advanced English skills and hold a M.A degree or above)
- A research proposal of the fellowship program: it could be a study on practices of SOU or a comparative study between SOU and their home institutions, proposal for future collaboration, etc.
- Shanghai Open University will give priority to the topics related to the research fields and on-going projects of SOU faculty or collaborative research in order to promote international exchanges and collaboration.
- A professional letter of recommendation from the president/chancellor of the home institution.
- A recent photo of the applicant.
How to Apply?

http://iie.sou.edu.cn/en

CALL Open

Online Application

Evaluation & Selection

Preparation

Visiting SOU

http://iie.sou.edu.cn/en/immersionhub/visiting-scholar-program

is now open all-year round
Activities

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Scolars Visiting Yangpu Branch School in 2018
2. Giving a presentation based on their research during the seminars.
Activities

3. Culture Experience
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The Learning Platform of Chinese Language
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Other International Collaboration

Developing online training programs for overseas Chinese teachers
Serving overseas Chinese, spreading Chinese excellent traditional culture.

The UNESCO-China-Africa Tripartite Initiative on University Cooperation jointly developed by China’s Ministry of Education and UNESCO.
1. With the development of The Belt & Road Initiative, we are aiming to make the International Visiting Scholar Program to be a link promoting the exchanges among the Belt & Road countries, China and other countries.

2. Collaborated with the UKOU and other international partners, we hope to build SOU as a training hub for the scholars all over the world.
SOU IS ALWAYS OPEN TO YOU ALL!

Thanks

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