Financial Aid & Scholarships
In general, financial aid received to attend the University of Iowa may be applied toward the cost of studying abroad. Aid eligibility is adjusted to reflect the total cost of participating in the program. In addition, participants are encouraged to apply for need- and merit-based scholarships awarded by Study Abroad. Complete information is available at: international.uiowa.edu/study-abroad/funding.

Eligibility
This program is open to students in good academic standing and disciplinary standing with a GPA of 2.8 or higher. Students also need to have completed 1 to 3 years of university-level Chinese language classes.

Next Steps
More information and applications are available online and in the Study Abroad office. Prospective applicants should make an appointment with Study Abroad Advisor Katie Ron. Students should also discuss their plans with their academic advisor and other appropriate faculty. The application deadline is March 1, 2016.

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Program Summary
Iowa in Tianjin is a high-quality yet affordable two-month summer program specially designed by the College of International Education (CIE) at Tianjin University of Technology in collaboration with the University of Iowa Department of Asian Languages and Literatures for students who have successfully completed 1-3 years of Chinese language study. This program will provide students with a comprehensive and balanced curriculum, including combining classroom instruction with field trips, language partnerships, and extra-curricular activities. The teaching methods will allow students at the elementary or intermediate proficiency levels to acquire language skills required for effective communication within a short period of time, and for advanced students to gain language proficiency at a professional level.

Tianjin
Tianjin is a port city located 80 miles southeast of Beijing with a population of 15 million. It enjoys a long history of historical significance as a center of trade and commerce. Currently, it is known for its excellent geographical location, pleasant climate, an efficient transportation system, modern conveniences, and cultural interests. It is also regarded as an optimal learning environment for standard Mandarin Chinese ‘Putonghua’ and an ideal community for language immersion.

Tianjin University of Technology was founded in 1981 and is located in the central urban district of Tianjin. It has approximately 15,000 students and offers 38 undergraduate programs and 21 graduate programs. The CIE was among the first group of Chinese language education institutions recommended by the Education Ministry of China to the international world and enjoys a good reputation worldwide. CIE instructors are highly experienced and qualified native speakers who hold teaching certificates in teaching Chinese as a second language.

Academic Program
The program offers an eight-week curriculum for which students will earn a total of 8 semester hours of University of Iowa resident credit. Credit is awarded as follows: 4 s.h. for intensive Chinese language, 3 s.h. for Chinese Regional Culture, and 1 s.h. in Chinese Folk Art, a practical art class that includes seal carving, egg-shell painting, and other traditional folk arts.

Cultural Activities and Excursions
Participants will have the opportunity to explore the rich regional history and culture through field trips to locations such as Beijing, the Great Wall, and the Forbidden City. Local excursions will include visits to the Ancient Cultural Street, the Drum Tower, the Chinese Opera House and Museum, the Folk Art Museum, the Tianjin History Museum, temples and old-style residences, as well as participating in local cultural events and activities. There will also be a group excursion to another city. Students will be paired with a language partner.

Transportation
A group flight with a UI faculty or staff member will be arranged, but not mandatory, for participants. Students are required to arrive in the Beijing Airport on or before the group flight lands, usually around June 1. Students will be provided with dates, times, and flight numbers to facilitate travel between the U.S. and China. Participants will have to return to the U.S. on their own after the program ends.

Accommodations
Students are placed at the international student dorm in double rooms with air conditioning, a telephone, a shared bathroom, and washing machines. Other conveniences, including restaurants, banks, a supermarket, and medical clinic, are available in the vicinity of the dormitory.

Cost
Last year’s program fee was approximately $4,000 for Iowa residents and $5,000 for non-residents. If the group is larger than 10 students, all students will receive a $600 discount on the program fee - so please tell your friends! Participants will be given final cost figures before confirming their participation.

This program fee includes tuition, fees, housing, most meals, all cultural excursions and activities, a two-day orientation in Beijing, and group transportation between Beijing and Tianjin. The application fee, airfare, passport/visa, some meals, and personal expenses are not included. The total estimated cost of participating in this program is $7,600- $8,600.