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**CHANGE** **计划**

INAUGURAL COHORT - 2024!

Cultivating high school youth concerned with the needs of the age we live in to be systems change leaders

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# Untapped Youth Potential

A **generation of social innovators needs to emerge** to spearhead solutions for the compounding societal and environmental challenges facing humanity. Programs nurturing young change leaders are normally only accessible at universities. The Fellowship for Change program draws on the untapped potential of high school students to **unleash transformation within the individual and society.**

Evolve past the label of “student” and lead as an experienced social innovator!



The Fellowship for Change program is a **one year Fellowship** for students in China who will be **entering Grade 10 or 11 in 2024** and are **inspired to lead change**. Through learning summits and mentor accompaniment, fellows research and connect with complex social and environmental issues, formulate and implement solutions addressing root causes, and **create sustained impact that inspires others.**

- **First China-based Fellowship program for high school students**
- **Open to 20 rising grade 10 and 11 students from across China**
- **Full scholarship program enabling access to all**



# Collaboration not Competition

*The Fellowship for Change leaves behind unhealthy competition.*

*The Fellowship for Change is an emersion and collaboration process that begins a lifelong commitment.*

A unique learning experience for a cohort of 20 diverse high school youth to take this one-year journey together, learning from each other, learning from social impact leaders and professors, and working together – to design, implement and sustain social impact initiatives.

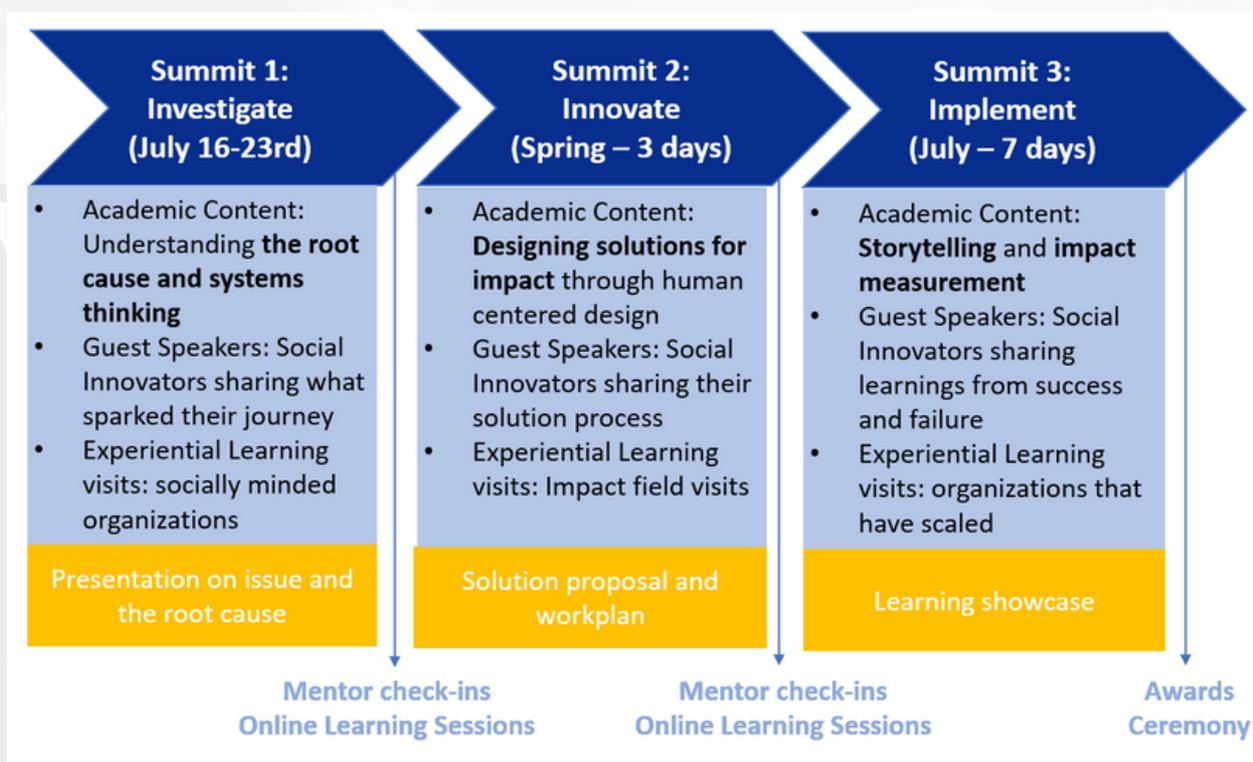
Envision the potential of working together with peers who care about plastic pollution, and the fact that China is the single largest producer of single use ‘virgin’ non-recycled plastics, producing more than 60 billion tonnes of waste per year. If this is your interest area we can connect you with leading experts in monitoring plastic pollution waste and some of China’s leading manufacturers to learn and design potential solutions that address the root cause of the issue.



# Learning Summits

The Fellowship for Change is completed in parallel with your Grade 10 or Grade 11 academic schooling through learning summits where fellows come together in July 2024, Spring 2025, and July 2025 during your school holiday. These Learning Summits offer fellows an opportunity to gather with leading industry professionals and scholars from Columbia University in interactive sessions that include three main components:

- Academic Sessions led by Columbia professors and facilitators
- Guest Speakers who are subject matter experts sharing their experiences
- Experiential Learning Visits to organizations, companies, and communities that are creating social impact.



A multi-faceted approach to learning!

Over the course of the year-long Fellowship, students will ‘**learn by doing**’ through achieving key milestones in designing their initiatives to address social and environmental issues. Fellows will be supported between the Learning Summits with Mentor Coaching Sessions and on-line Learning Sessions.

Note: Fellowship for Change Program design is subject to change based on final consultations with professors and facilitators.

# Program Highlights

## Learn from World-Class Mentors and Forge a Global Network.

The course design and delivery for this program is supervised by renowned mentors from Columbia University, including senior faculty members in social innovation and Obama Foundation Scholars. In addition, esteemed mentors from Columbia's undergraduate program, industry leaders, and social innovation practitioners will provide comprehensive guidance and lead students through each step of their developmental journey, helping them transform from novices to problem-solvers.

## Participate in Columbia University's Social Innovation Training for High School Students.

This program is tailored to high school students and draws upon Columbia's reputable curriculum in social studies, innovation, and entrepreneurship. Participants will benefit from Columbia's extensive experience and expertise in social innovation, thereby enhancing their social innovation and academic capacities through multifaceted dimensions.

Imagine learning from these amazing social innovators and organizations!

## Amplify Your Core Competencies for College Applications.

The program focuses on developing the competencies of our students to drive social innovation. It equips them with the necessary tools and skills to solve social problems and fosters a comprehensive understanding of social problem-solving methodologies. Moreover, the program aims to sharpen their design-thinking skills and leadership capabilities, enabling them to approach social issues from an innovative perspective. It provides customized training and hands-on activities to empower students to develop solutions while continuously optimizing and refining them.

## From Campus to the Globe.

In collaboration with Columbia's Social Impact Fellowship, rural revitalization projects of international organizations and Chinese institutions, ecological civilization construction initiatives, and community service projects, the program allows students to enhance project execution skills, build interpersonal networks, and actively contribute to positive transformations within their communities through observation and hands-on experience. Students will also have the opportunity to embark on field trips and explore partner institutions of Columbia Global Centers | Beijing and the QI Center, laying a solid and enduring groundwork for their future paths in social innovation.



# Who Can Apply?

We encourage students from throughout China entering Grade 10 or 11 in September 2024 who have proven commitment to creating a better world for future generations to apply.

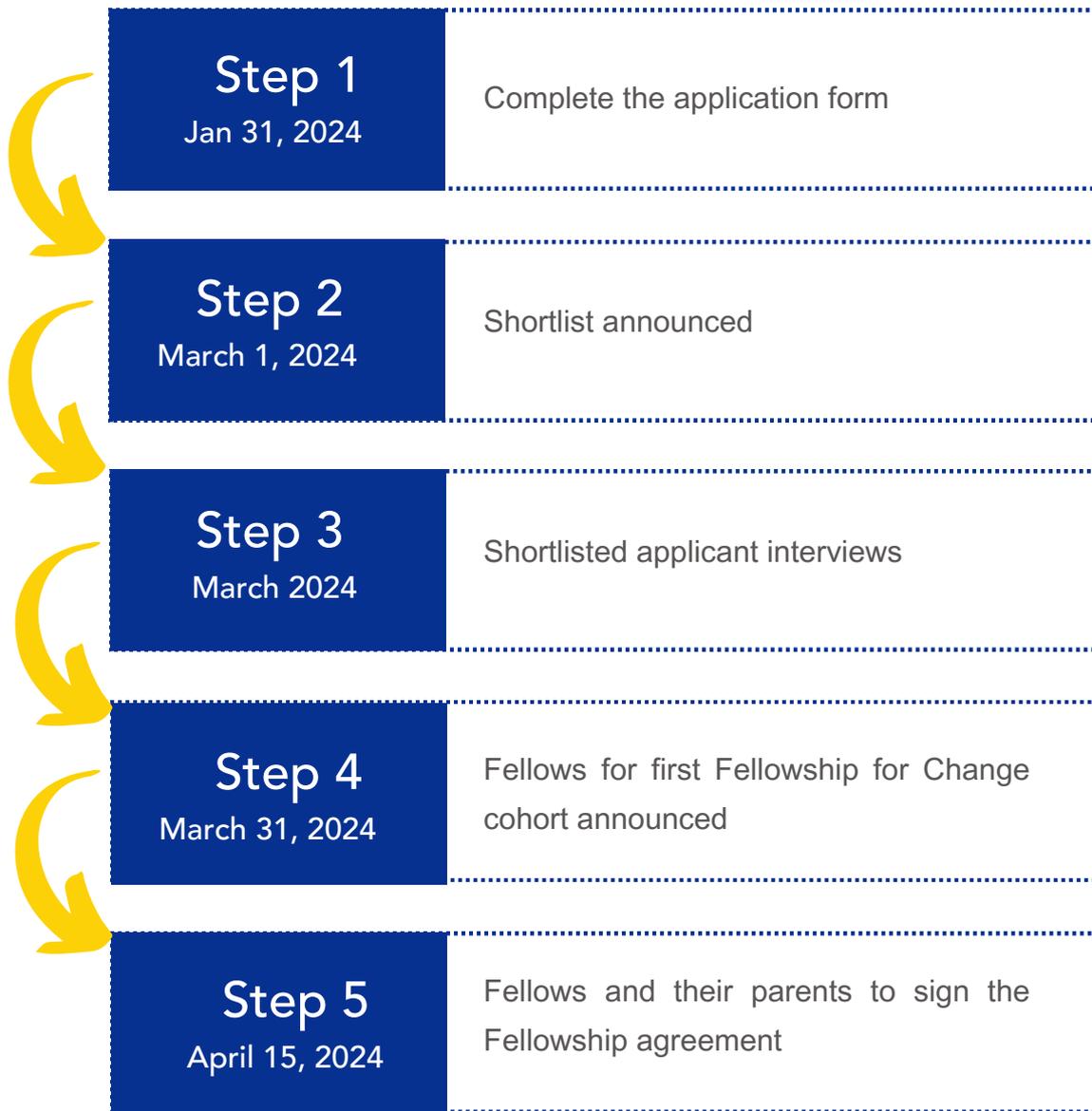
**The selection committee is particularly looking for students who:**

- Deeply care about a social or environmental issue that faces the community
- Are service oriented
- Persevere and learn from failure or challenges
- Are creative problem solvers that take action
- Prioritize consultation and collaboration, seeking to listen and learn from others
- Bring diverse perspectives from their life experience, culture and background
- Can balance the Fellowship program with school studies

**For the first cohort fellows need to have some English speaking and listening ability to understand the sessions facilitated by global experts. Applicants should show how the issues they care about relate to sustainability or mental well-being as these will be focus areas for the Fellowship.**

What's stopping you?  
Changemakers apply now!

# Application Process



The Fellowship for Change is a full scholarship program covering travel, accommodation and learning materials for 20 fellows to attend this prestigious program. The aim is to promote the diversity of applicants to be part of this unique program.

Scan the QR code to apply:



For any questions, please email us at: [ffc@qicenter.cn](mailto:ffc@qicenter.cn)

# Why Should I Apply?

The expression “Experience of a lifetime” perhaps is over used; however, this truly is an experience that will influence in shaping your future as a social impact innovator with action, purpose and leadership opportunities.

## As fellows you shall:

- Learn and be inspired by leading social innovators
- Develop essential competencies such as empathetic listening, systems and design thinking, ingenuity and drive which are all essential in future life and careers
- Hone your skills in research, working within a team, effective presentation and communication.
- Get real social innovation experience with accompaniment and guidance.
- Develop direct connections with Columbia University students who are rising social entrepreneurs
- Expand your network of connections through Fellowship guest speakers, academic trainers and mentors and open future doors for career opportunities
- Create life-long friends from around China that share similar values of service and envision a better world
- Make your college applications stand out by sharing your Fellowship learning journey.
- Stay part of the FFC alumni network and contribute as a mentor or facilitator in future Fellowship for Change programs

Remember the application deadline is  
**January 31, 2024, 23:59**

# Organizers and Advisors

Jointly organized by the Columbia Global Centers | Beijing and the Qi Social Innovation Center.

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## Our Advisory Board:



Dr. **Ma Jun** is the Founder and President of Institute of Finance and Sustainability (based in Beijing) which developed the China Water Pollution Map. He is also the Chairman of Green Finance Committee of China Society for Finance and Banking, Co-Chair of G20 Sustainable Finance Study Group, and Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of the Green Investment Principles for the Belt & Road.



**Zhang Mei** is a native of Yunnan province in southwest China. She holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and worked for McKinsey & Company until she found her true passion in sustainable travel launching Wild China in 2000. Mei is an Aspen Institute China Fellow and currently serves as a member of Harvard Business School's Alumni Board.



**Husayn Anwar** created the first private platforms for environmental consulting and management resulting in training over 300 of China current top environmental experts, and lead many of the early China EA and EIA projects. He influenced China's EHS regulatory structure, much of the early environmental policy and practices, and many of the leading Chinese environmental NGOs and monitoring systems.



**Spring Chunxiao Fu** is Managing Director at the Aspen Institute, heading the China Fellowship Program, which aims to select and energize China's private sector business leaders to move from success to significance. Prior to her current role, Spring led the Young Global Leaders (YGL) Program at the World Economic Forum in Greater China and Asia Pacific region.



**Jack Hsu** is the founder and CEO of the Ivy Education Group and also serves on the Advisory Board for the Columbia Global Center in Beijing. He is a successful entrepreneur, having started 3 companies including one that was publicly listed. Jack is also an Aspen Fellow completing the 5th cohort of the China Leadership Program.



**Helena Xiao** is the general manager of Columbia Global Centers | Beijing, a part of a global network of eleven Global Centers of Columbia University. She oversees all the programs and operations to create a vibrant intellectual and pedagogic community to facilitate and promote academic exchange and research collaboration of Columbia's students, faculty, schools, and institutes with counterparts in China and neighboring areas.



**Shao Yue** graduated from Peking University and obtained her MBA from Harvard Business School. She left McKinsey & Company and launched an educational social venture to create more social impact. She then worked as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Energy Foundation China, a charitable organization dedicated to China's sustainable energy development.



**Elizabeth Walker Sobhani** is the Director of Social Innovation at Ivy Education Group and the Director of the Qi Center. She has over 20 years experience as an advisor in the social impact sector in North America and China working with leading nonprofits, companies, schools, and social entrepreneurs to create meaningful impact.

Take the next step and  
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