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Our 2025 Impact

Situated at the crossroads of China's political, cultural, and educational life, Columbia Global Center Beijing connects the local with the global — advancing dialogue, research, and learning that shape the region's future and contribute to solutions for shared global challenges. The Beijing Center offers transformative opportunities for students, accelerates innovative teaching and research for faculty, and convenes programs for community members and alumni to deepen knowledge, build networks, and inspire collaboration.

A year in review

In 2025, the Beijing Center strengthened Columbia's role as a convener of global ideas and a hub for cross-disciplinary collaboration across China. From sustainability and climate investment to public health and leadership development, the Center's programs turned knowledge into action and connected China's academic and professional communities to Columbia's global network.

Hosted

29 events
across fields from
climate to public health

Engaged

3,815 participants
online and in-person

Reached

1.8+ million viewers
across Chinese and
English social media

Connected

800+ Columbia students and alumni
to China's dynamic job market through
virtual career fairs and alumni panels

Welcomed

200+ incoming students
from China to connect and prepare
before beginning their studies at Columbia

Areas of impact

Empowering future leaders

From the inaugural **Richard Rockefeller Fellowship**, which trained seven emerging leaders in China's NGO and philanthropic sectors, to the **Fellowship For Change** program engaging 19 high school students in hands-on social impact work, the Center is cultivating a new generation of change agents committed to sustainability and community development.

Advancing research and innovation

Eight Columbia faculty received **Columbia Global Research Funding** to lead study tours and projects across China — covering platform economy, nature-based solutions, AI in public health, Silk Road studies, and more. These efforts expanded Columbia's regional partnerships and deepened scholarly exchange.

Driving global dialogue

Through high-profile events featuring Columbia's leading voices like **Joseph Stiglitz** and **Adam Tooze**, the Center catalyzed debate on climate, economics, and U.S.–China relations. It also launched the inaugural session of Columbia Global's **"Road to COP30"** series with an event on China's role in global climate investment, drawing more than 200 scholars and policymakers worldwide.

Program highlights

Richard Rockefeller Fellowship

The inaugural cohort of seven emerging leaders in China's NGO and philanthropic sectors recently completed a four-month fellowship program split between Beijing and the U.S. Selected from a competitive pool of more than 100 applicants, these fellows gained global perspectives, strategic insight, and practical tools to drive sustainability and social innovation across China. As the program continues, new participants will build on this foundation, expanding its reach and deepening its role as a model for leadership development rooted in collaboration, global vision, and local action.

Navigating Re-globalization

This thematic series convened top Columbia scholars and regional leaders to explore strategic pathways for resilience and collaboration in a rapidly shifting global landscape. Across four sessions, Columbia experts and business leaders — including historian Adam Tooze and philanthropy scholar Melissa Berman — examined U.S.–China dynamics, shared insights on innovative philanthropy, and discussed resilient investment trends. Together, these dialogues fostered exchange on how governments, institutions, and industries can adapt and thrive in a multipolar world.

Public Health Study Tour

Led by Professor Sen Pei of Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health, the Center organized a five-day study tour that brought together five Columbia students and two alumni for immersive learning across eight leading Chinese institutions — including top universities, UNICEF China, and the China CDC. Each stop offered a window into China's innovations in public health and the complex challenges it faces. Participants gained a deeper understanding of global health systems and formed lasting professional connections that will inspire future collaborations between Columbia and Chinese institutions.

Opportunities for partners

Our work is made possible through strategic partnerships and generous contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations across academia, industry, and government. Whether you're a longstanding supporter or new to our Center, we invite you to join us as we continue to make meaningful contributions in support of this transformative work.

About the Global Centers

Columbia's Global Centers serve as the university's gateways to the world, connecting the local with the global and creating opportunities for shared learning and dialogue. Located in 11 cities across four continents, the Global Centers offer educational opportunities for students, enable research for faculty, and host events for the community and alumni.

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