

# Application Record: Zhiwei\_Cao

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## Checkbox

I confirm that I have read and understood the information provided above.

## I want to choose this type of project:

Social Practice & Service Project

## Choose Project Title

【平行图书馆 (Parallel Library)】【Individual Application】 Students collaborate with JLL on sustainable design projects using recycled materials to create educational tools and community spaces that promote circular economy.

## Name

Zhiwei Cao

## NetID

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## Class

2029

## Major

Intended major: Economic

## Why are you interested in this project/field/industry?

It is mainly divided into two parts. | Firstly, I have a strong interest in economics and sustainable development. Besides systematically learning relevant theoretical knowledge in class, I have also accumulated solid knowledge reserves by reading cutting-edge academic papers and following industry dynamic reports. I sincerely hope to deeply integrate theoretical knowledge with practical applications through this project, further improve my professional economic skills, and gain valuable first-hand practical experience. | Meanwhile, I also have a wealth of personal experiences and profound insights regarding resource utilization and public welfare projects. The public welfare activities I participated in the past made me truly realize the importance of rational resource allocation. Therefore, I look forward to taking this opportunity to continue spreading kindness and warmth, and use my own knowledge and abilities to integrate resources more efficiently, so as to contribute my share to the public welfare undertakings related to sustainable development.

## Describe the experience and skills that make you a good community leader.

At Duke Kunshan University, I serve as the president of the Figure Skating Club. I have rich experience in leading my fellow students to manage the club, organize various activities, and coordinate personnel in all aspects. I have learned that when leading a team or a group, we should take the needs of all parties into consideration as much as possible. When resolving conflicts, the best way is for everyone to communicate and discuss face-to-face, rather than engaging in a cold war or evading the problem. Teamwork is never about one-sided compromise, but about finding a balance that takes into account the interests of all parties after fully listening to different voices. As a team leader, it is even more important to take the initiative to build a bridge of communication, coordinate differences with an inclusive attitude, and thus gather genuine team cohesion. || During my senior high school years, I worked as the vice-captain of the synchronized skating team at Beijing Tidi Bright Skating Club. Thus, I have a clear understanding of the essentials of teamwork and possess ample experience related to leadership. || Meanwhile, I am also a member of the Houlang Charity of our school. When I participated in the volunteer teaching program in Yuanling County, Hunan Province last year, I acquired a great many skills in leading peers and communicating with multiple stakeholders, and also accumulated a wealth of experience in community services.

**(For long-term projects) Describe your plan for sustaining the long-term development of this project.**

For this long-term project with both public welfare and educational attributes, I will dedicate sufficient time and energy to ensure the sustainability and stability of its progress. I will break down the overall tasks in a refined way: first setting core monthly goals, then subdividing them into weekly plans, and finally translating them into specific daily actionable items. This layered decomposition approach will guarantee efficient advancement. || In terms of collaboration, I will actively communicate and coordinate with the project leader and managers, consulting and providing feedback promptly whenever issues arise. Meanwhile, with a respectful and modest attitude, I will boldly put forward my innovative ideas and suggestions, offering constructive input for the project's development and helping the team achieve its goals.

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This is a more detailed plan: || For the Parallel Library project, I will break down tasks into monthly goals, weekly plans and daily to-dos: in the early stage, I will participate in sustainable design and course co-creation, develop audience-specific courses, workshops and educational toolkits, and turn circular economy and design thinking into practical content. || In the middle stage, I will focus on community activity and space planning, design a series of cultural and educational activities, and explore feasible plans for integrating this model into Kunshan's local communities and campus scenarios. || In collaboration, I will actively communicate with project leaders, promptly report issues and seek advice, and put forward innovative and feasible ideas based on the needs of course development and scenario integration. || These are just my initial thoughts based on the project overview; going forward, I will keep in-depth communication and consultation with the team and project management to finalize an innovative and implementable plan.

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