



Application Package

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Dear Program Applicant,

The Mon Sheong Foundation Youth Group is proud to present DiSCOVER 2015, our biennial cultural youth development program! The program includes two months of classes, workshops, and seminars that focus on cultural and leadership development, as well as volunteerism.

Supported by mentors, participants will also put their skills to the test by competing in the Development Challenge, designed to improve important soft skills.

And it culminates with a 15-day trip to various cities across China. The program provides participants with an opportunity to explore the Chinese culture, business and education first hand, under the backdrop of landmarks rich in history.

Key information to consider:

- Program enrollment fee is \$2,500* (includes classes, workshops, seminars, and the trip to China)
- The program runs from May 1 – August 31, 2015.
- The trip to China will take place between July 10 – July 25, 2015.
- Applications will be accepted via:
- Online: <http://discover.monsheong.org>
- Mail-in/drop-off: Care of DiSCOVER 2015
Mon Sheong Foundation Youth Group
2030 McNicoll Avenue, Scarborough, ON
M1V 5P4 Canada
- Application deadline is: **Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 11:59pm**
** excludes additional minor incidental fees*

As DiSCOVER 2015 is heavily subsidized by the Mon Sheong Foundation, our donors and our sponsors, we are only able to select 20 participants for the program. To determine your eligibility, please refer to Page 2 of this application package. For all inquiries, please contact Damon Lui, Mon Sheong Foundation Volunteer Services and Youth Group Development Coordinator by phone at (416) 291-3898 x 3130 or by email at discover@monsheong.org.

Thank you for your interest in the DiSCOVER 2015 program. We look forward to your application.

Sincerely,



Angela Choo
Co-Chair



Mandy Lu
Co-Chair

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Applicants must:

1. Be between the age of 19 to 30 as of December 31, 2015
2. Own a Canadian or Chinese passport, valid until at least February 2016
3. Be of Chinese origin and/or have a strong interest in the Chinese culture
4. Have interest and extensive experience in community involvement and volunteering
5. Be proficient in English
Note: Mandarin lessons are included in the DiSCOVER 2015 program
6. Be able to travel from July 10 to July 25, 2015
7. Attend and participate in events before and after the trip e.g. Development Challenge and Leadership Retreat. Programs will be scheduled on weekends and weekday evenings.

SELECTION OVERVIEW:

There are two stages to the selection process:

1. Application
 - Personal/Academic/Additional Information
 - Volunteer Experience
 - Application Questions
 - References
 - Resume
 - Video (optional, but highly encouraged)
2. In-person panel interview (April 18 and 25 weekends)
Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews by April 15, 2015.

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INSTRUCTIONS:

This application must be submitted to Mon Sheong Foundation no later than **April 11, 2015** at **11:59pm**.
Only online or mail-in/drop-off submissions will be accepted.

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Note: all information collected will only be used for program purposes

Please complete all sections in **legible** writing/printing. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

(A) PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Surname		First Name		Middle Name
Chinese Name (if applicable)		Title: Mr./ Mrs./ Ms. / Dr.	Preferred Name (if different from First Name)	
Address		Postal Code	Country of Birth	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
Home Phone	Cell Phone		Email Address	

(B) ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Complete as required. Please place a dash (-) in inapplicable fields.

Institute of Study	Program of Study
Year of Study	Year of Graduation

(C) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Available from May to July for 2-5 hours/week? (Yes / No)	Available from May 1 – May 3, 2015 for a Leadership Retreat? (Yes / No)	Available from July 10 – July 25, 2015? (Yes / No)
Language(s) Spoken	Other Commitments	Medical Conditions (including allergies)

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(D) VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

Choose one or two volunteer positions that have developed your skills or taught you meaningful lessons. Describe your experience and why you decided to get involved. Please limit your description to **150 words** for each volunteer position, and indicate the total word count in the parentheses.

Organization Name		
Position Title	Start Date (mm/yy)	End Date (mm/yy)
Describe your experience and why you decided to get involved. (Word Count:)		

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(E) APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

Answer the following questions. Please limit all responses to **200 words** and indicate the total word count in the parentheses.

Why do you want to be a participant of the DiSCOVER program? (Word Count:)

How would your employer, student club executive OR volunteer supervisor describe you? (choose one only) (Word Count:)

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Describe a time when you went outside your comfort zone or ended up in an unexpected situation. (Word Count:)

Who has exercised the greatest influence on you and why? (Word Count:)

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(F) REFERENCES:

Please provide two references other than family, friends and relatives.

Surname		First Name	
Organization			
Preferred Time of Contact		Relationship with Applicant	
Email Address		Contact Number	

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(G) RESUME:

Please email a copy of your resume to discover@monsheong.org and limit it to two pages.
The subject line should read: "DiSCOVER 2015 – [First Name, Last Name] Resume"

(H) "IMPRESS US" VIDEO (OPTIONAL):

We want you to impress us. Create a video on YouTube no longer than 15 seconds and show us what you've got, whether it's a crazy talent, a performance or anything else. Ensure the video is appropriate as it may be shared on social media channels by the Mon Sheong Youth Group and/or the Mon Sheong Foundation.

Please insert your YouTube video URL here: _____

(I) MARKET RESEARCH:

How did you hear about DiSCOVER 2015?

Posters

Facebook

Website

Family/Friends

On-campus information session

I was nominated by _____

Other: _____

APPLICANT NAME: _____

DATE: _____