

I am currently pursuing a double major in Computer Science and Chinese, which makes this summer program an ideal opportunity for me to further develop both of my academic interests. My journey with the Chinese language began in seventh grade, and since then, I have been deeply captivated by the nuances of the language, as well as the rich cultural heritage that accompanies it.

In addition to my academic pursuits, I am originally from Russia, which has shaped my interest in comparing the historical trajectories of both Russia and China in the 20th century. The political and economic stories of these two nations are closely intertwined, and examining the parallels between their development offers fascinating insights. This historical connection, coupled with my background, motivates me to explore cybersecurity, particularly within the context of Chinese and Russian relations. I believe this summer program will provide me with the tools to better understand the role of technology in international relations and the ways in which the digital landscape shapes global affairs.

Looking forward, I am committed to continuing my study of Chinese after the conclusion of this program. My long-term goal is to participate in a Fulbright program in Taiwan, where I can further immerse myself in Chinese language and culture while applying my computer science skills to address real-world challenges. Taiwan, often considered the global hub of microchips and cutting-edge technology, presents the perfect environment for me to combine my two passions. By engaging with local experts and scholars, I hope to bridge the gap between technology and culture, all while contributing meaningfully to the growing technological landscape.

This summer program is a key step in my academic and professional journey. It will provide me with valuable experience, knowledge, and skills that will serve me both in my future studies and career.