

**2018 MIT CDI x iMuse**

**Winter Technology Conference**

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# Welcome from CDI

Hello everyone!

Welcome to 2018 MIT CDI-iMUSE Winter Technology Conference! We are delighted to have all of you, our dearest delegates, from both the US and China here to participate in this meaningful event.

China Development Initiative is a student group founded in 2008 (same year as iMUSE) by MIT undergraduates who shared a deep interest in the development of China, and recognized the need to educate students in personal development and social consciousness around the world. We aim to provide sustainable programs related to China's development for students in the Boston area and training of leadership, citizenship, and international consciousness for prospective Chinese students. For the past ten years, CDI has been dedicated to serving as a bridge between US and Chinese students through our Service Leadership Program (SLP), on-campus awareness events, and speaker series from NGOs and professors.

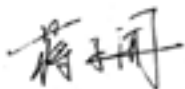
The 2018 Winter Conference marks the 10th year Anniversary for both iMUSE and CDI. This past summer, we were very glad to join forces with Tsinghua University, Peking University, and Harvard College and to become a partner of iMUSE, an international student conference that provides an open and honest platform for mutual understanding and cultural communication between the US and China. We believe that the goal of iMUSE greatly aligns with CDI's mission and vision, and thank you all for contributing to that goal!

The theme of the conference this year is "Technology Under Globalization". As new technologies such as machine learning, virtual reality, blockchain, gene regulation, etc. become more and more important in today's society, it is essential for us to view these topics with a global vision and understand how technology can be used to better serve our society. We hope that, through this conference, you will have the opportunity to explore various topics related to technology, globalization, and service, network with international leaders, professionals and experts, exchange ideas with your fellow delegates, and most of all, develop friendships that will last for a lifetime.

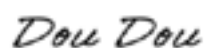
Once again, on behalf of our CDI winter conference committee and staff, welcome, and we hope you all have a great week!

Best regards,

Ziwen Jiang  
President of China Development Initiative



Dou Dou  
Director of 2018 iMUSE Technology Conference



# **iMuse 2018**

# iMuse Introduction

Established in 2007, Initiating Mutual Understanding through Student Exchange (iMUSE), was initiated jointly by students from Harvard University, Peking University and Tsinghua University. In 2017, MIT China Development Initiative became a part of our team. During these years, iMUSE has been following the concept of standing on China and the US to view the globe—recruiting delegates globally. Through field trips, firsthand experiences and in-depth discussion on current issues in China and the US, the program boosted understanding and establishing friendship among outstanding students throughout the world. It is now one of the most influential comprehensive programs held unofficially in Mainland China for student exchange. Meanwhile, iMUSE has been developing its elite network and long-term communication platform to create a positive atmosphere for further affiliation.

From 2008 to 2016, nine iMUSE forums have been successfully held. Outstanding students from all over the world gathered in Beijing to carry out an exchange activity lasting for about a week. After a visit to American universities in 2008, a China forum in Oxford, and a tour in Hong Kong, the delegates have

already left their footprints all over the world. Meanwhile, iMUSE has also received broad social attention. Famous actor and philanthropist Li Lianjie, John Thornton, former President of Goldman Sachs, and Wu Yibin, board member of McKinsey have been invited to iMUSE activities to share their views with the delegates over global issues.

We are excited for the inaugural conference in the US this January at MIT. iMuse is now mature organization and has turned to focus on utility and cultural differences. We always stick to helping students fulfill their great ambitions to initiate mutual understanding and become better global citizens, which is the reason why our story never ends.



# Conference Schedule



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## Delegates Arrive

10am - 10pm: Delegates check-in & meet with student hosts

**MIT campus Building 1, Room 135 or 1-135**

9 -10pm: Welcome socials & icebreakers (Moderator: Spark Ma)

**location TBD**

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## Orientation

9:30 - 10am: Continental Breakfast (Optional)

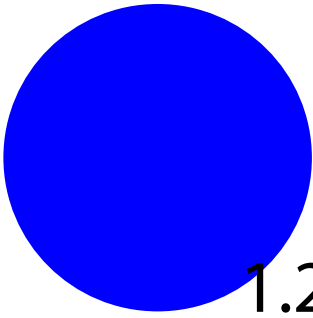
**3-333**

10 - 11am: Conference Kick-off:  
Conference Overview, Delegates Introduction,  
Project Overview **3-333**

11 - 12:30pm: MIT Campus Tour, Visit to MIT  
Media Lab (tour guide: Allan Costa)







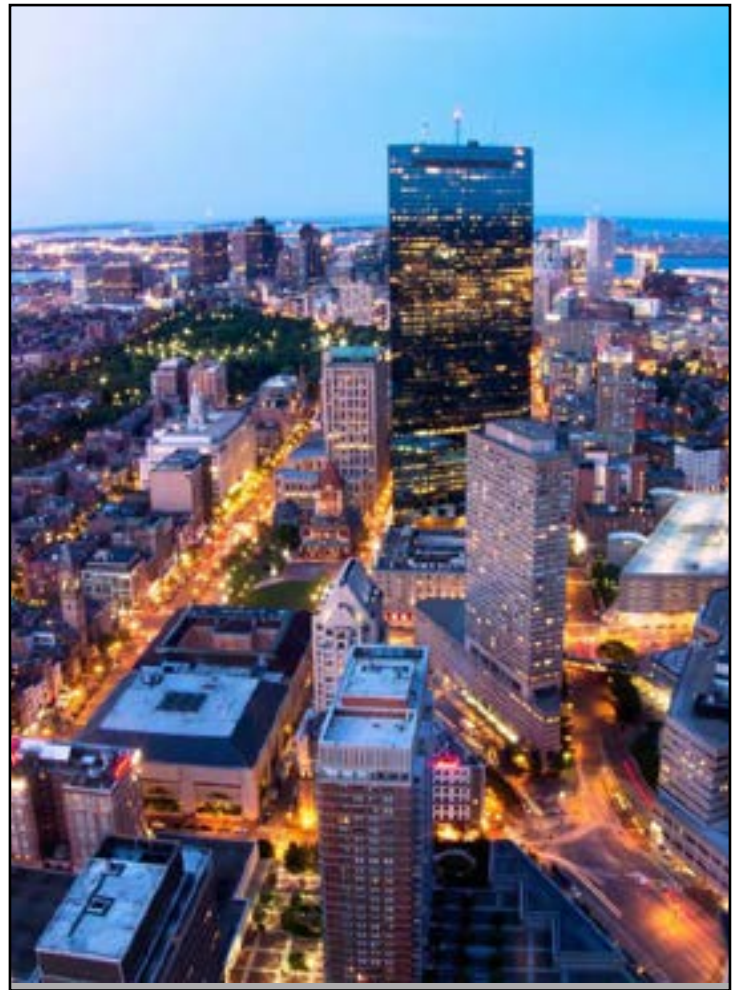
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12:30 - 1:30pm: Lunch (provided) **66-144**

1:30 - 2:30pm: Guest Speaker: John Howard  
(MBA, Entrepreneur, Co-Founder of Duron Energy  
and Jhana) **66-144**

3 - 5pm: Project Team Formation **66-144**;  
Cambridge Scavenger Hunt

6pm: Welcome Dinner (provided) **Chinatown,**  
**restaurant TBD**



## John Howard



is an MBA student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is the Co-Founder of Duron Energy and Jhana. Duron designed, manufactured and sold innovative solar home systems to rural families and shops with limited or no electricity in India. Jhana was a B2B SaaS company that developed original content and services to help new managers learn the skills they need to be successful. He also works as a advisor and consultant, supporting founders and CEOs at early stage (1 - 100 employees) startups and nonprofits.

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## Entrepreneurship and Innovation

9:15 - 9:45am: Continental Breakfast (Optional) **66-144**

10am - 12pm: Visit to Microsoft New England R&D Center -  
Azure Machine Learning Group

**\*Bring Governmental ID for Microsoft visit, 1 Memorial Dr, Cambridge**

12 - 1:30: Lunch (optional)

\*Delegates could choose to receive lunch box from the conference or explore other food options around Kendall Square **E62 MIT Sloan School of Management Lobby Dining Hall**

1:30 - 2:30pm: Guest speaker and workshop with Max Feldstein-Nixon  
(Summer Fellow of Bamboo Bicycles Beijing (BBB)) **MIT Sloan E51-325**

3:30 - 5pm: Visit to [BrainCo Inc.](#) (Startup at Harvard Innovation Lab)  
**120 Beacon St #201, Somerville**

5:30 - 7pm: Networking night with [Harvard Association for US-China Relations](#)

\*Light dinner will be provided **Harvard College, room TBD**

## Max Feldstein-Nixon



is a freshmen in college at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. During High School, Max studied and lived abroad in Xi'an, China. While there, he met David and became involved with Bamboo Bicycles Beijing after returning home to Boston. He has helped organize bike-building workshops in Boston, worked as a BBB summer fellow in 2016, and talked about his experience on the stage at TEDxBeaconSt. Max is passionate about learning at the junction of technology and culture, loves food, and is always looking for a great new restaurant to try.



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## Service & Non-Profits

9:15 - 9:45am: Continental Breakfast (Optional) ~~66-144~~

10am - 12pm: Visit to Cambridge Innovation Center, presentation and UX design workshop with [GroupVisual.io](https://groupvisual.io)

*\*Bring Governmental photo ID to the visit, 1 Broadway, Cambridge*

2 - 2:30pm: Project and afternoon service debrief, depart for service sites  
~~66-144~~

3 - 5pm: Service projects and volunteering with Community Partners:  
PBHA Chinatown Afterschool Program @ Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, *90 Tyler Street, Boston*  
Harvard Square Homeless Shelter, *66 Winthrop Street, Cambridge*

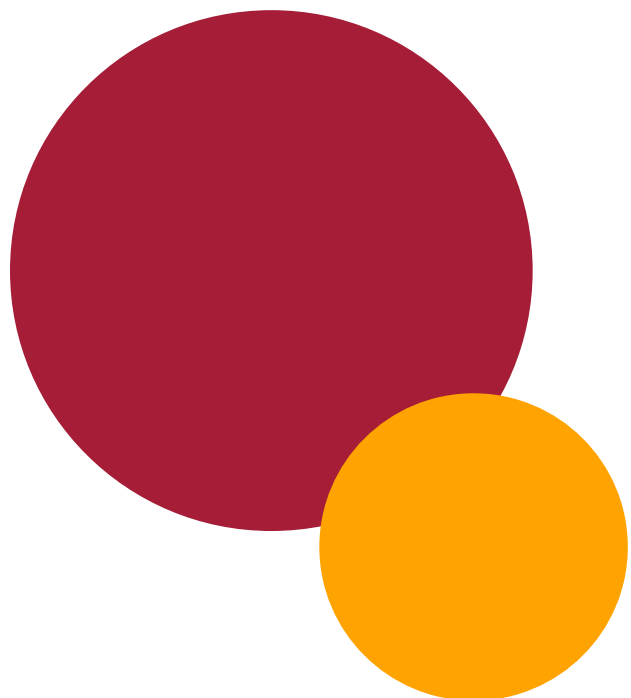
5 - 6pm: Dinner with community service partners directors at service sites (provided)

7 - 9pm: Group Project team meetings, Project Theme: "Technology for Social Good" ~~24-115~~

Free evening -- Optional Ice-Skating, Boston Celtics VS. Lakers @10:30pm



is a UI/UX design services company based in Cambridge, MA. With a focus on the user experience of data and analytics, GroupVisual.io has over 15 years of experience designing solutions for complex systems in healthcare, life sciences, IoT, enterprise, and consumer applications.



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Harvard Square Homeless Shelter serves the homeless community of Cambridge and Boston. The student staff and the University Lutheran Church work together to provide guests with shelter, food, security, and a supportive environment of mutual respect. In addition to providing these fundamental needs, the shelter work individually with those who seek our assistance as they strive to attain their own goals and make the transition into independent living. It also serves as a bridge between the homeless and student populations of Cambridge and Boston. By working together in this endeavor, the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter hope to make a difference in the larger effort to confront homelessness.

Founded in 1984, PBHA's Chinatown Afterschool Program promotes academic enrichment for children of low-income families in Boston's Chinatown community. Counselors from Harvard University and Wellesley College provide a safe and supportive after school environment through tutoring, educational projects, and literacy activities. Presently, the program supports approximately fifty students and their families. Children range from first-grade to sixth-grade, and PBHA's Chinatown Afterschool program is the only free after school program in the community available for students of this age. Through continued mentorship and extracurricular support, the program's ultimate goal is to equip students with life skills that will encourage them to be positive and contributing members of their community.



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## Technology & Business

10:15 - 10:45am: Continental Breakfast  
(Optional) **66-144**

11am - 12:30pm: MIT Consulting Group  
Workshop

12:30 - 1:30pm: Lunch(provided) **24-115**

1:30 - 2:30pm: Project team meetings  
(optional)

3 - 4:30pm: Guest Talk by Peter Doucette  
(BOSTON GLOBE Chief Consumer  
Revenue Officer) **MIT Sloan E62-262**

5 - 7:30pm: iMUSE Talent Show  
**McCormick Green Living Room**



**Peter Doucette**

is the Chief Consumer Revenue Officer at *The Boston Globe*, and oversees the transition of consumers from print to digital media consumption. He is charged with building the new media business model, monetizing readers across a variety of products and platforms, consumer strategy, product development, research, analytics, retail sales, distribution and customer experience. Under Peter's leadership, The Boston Globe has become the top ranked metro publisher in the U.S. for digital subscriptions and is often recognized as one of the most innovative media companies in the industry.

Prior to his tenure at The Globe, Peter worked in a variety of capacities in the travel and insurance industries. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and a Sulzberger media fellow from Columbia University. Peter speaks regularly on topics such as the evolution of media industry, pricing strategy, building and leading customer-centric organizations, and marketing optimization.

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## Government: Boston City Hall



8:10am: Meet at **66-144**, leave for BCH

9:30 – 10am: Overview of Boston Local Government with Jake Hasson, Mayor's Office Policy Analyst

10– 10:30am: Shaping Policy in the Mayor's Housing Innovation Lab with Director Marcy Ostberg

10:30 – 11:30am: Global Economic Development Strategy with Sarah Delude and James Colimon of the Mayor's Global Affairs Team

11:15 – 12:00pm: Youth Participation and Leadership in Politics with Ruth Georges, Manager of Partnerships and Programs for the Division of Youth Engagement and Employment

12 - 1pm: Lunch break

1– 1:30pm: Broadband and Digital Equity with Anne Schwieger, Broadband and Digital Equity Advocate for the City of Boston

1:30 – 2:30pm: Tour of Boston City Hall

2:30 – 3:15pm: Engaging and Supporting Underserved Communities in Boston with Tomas Gonzalez, Deputy Director of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services

3:15 – 4:00pm: Smart Cities Initiatives with Stephen Walter, Program Director for the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics, and Jackie Lender, Startup Manager for the City of Boston

Free evening: optional activities - Movie at Boston AMC Lowes (175 Tremont St, Boston) or Havana Club Friday night salsa (21+), (288 Green St, Central Sq, Cambridge)

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## Project

9:15 - 9:45am: Continental Breakfast (Optional) **24-115**

10 - 11:30am: Gordon Engineering Leadership Workshop:  
Communicating across cultures **24-115**

12:30 - 2pm: Lunch (provided)

2 - 5pm: Project work time, prepare for project presentations  
**24-115**

6pm: Hot pot dinner @ iHouse (Covered by Conference) **471**  
**Memorial Drive, New House 5 1st floor**

Optional opportunity:

12:30pm - 5pm: Harvard  
PBHA 2018 Public Inter-  
ested Conference

Delegates who wish to  
attend need to individually  
pre-register:  
[https://publicservice.fas.  
harvard.edu/registration-1](https://publicservice.fas.harvard.edu/registration-1)

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## Last Day

9:30 - 11:30am: Project Pre-  
sentations/ Closing Remarks  
**(MIT Sloan E62-223)**



# Delegate Bios

**Chenliangliang (April) Chen 陈程靓靓**  
Tsinghua University, English language and literature

I grew up in Suzhou, a beautiful city with delicate Suzhou Gardens and unique cuisines. I love baking, Harry Potter and piano. Looking forward to the winter conference and meeting you all.



**Chuyue Sun 孙楚越**  
Wellesley, Physics and Computer Science

Hi! I am a first year at Wellesley intending to major Physics and Computer Science. I am originally from Nanjing, China. I love physics, math and computer science as well as asian dances. I am very interested in exploring the role of technology through non-profits organizations and education. Can't wait to meet all of you and engage in interesting conversations!



## Cindy Luo 罗天予

MIT, Brain and Cognitive Science

Hey there! I'm from Shanghai, China/L.A., CA. Currently living the best of both worlds in Cambridge. I'm involved in my sorority Alpha Chi Omega and the MIT Asian Dance Team. Outside of class and rehearsals, I can be found bobbing my head to Kpop songs in the student center, cooking and baking in my dorm, or chasing puppies around campus.



## Connie Truong

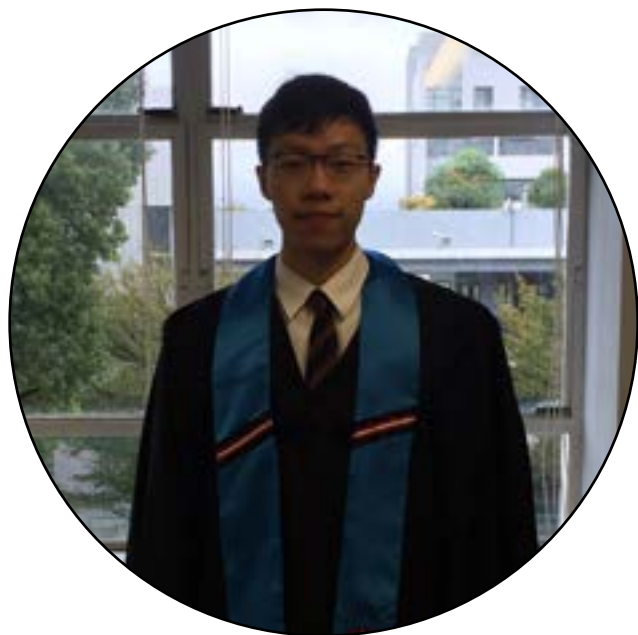
Wellesley, Neuroscience; MIT, Management

I am passionate about the intersection between science and business on a global scale. More specifically, the neuroscience behind financial decision interests me. This is because financial decisions are among the most important decisions that an individual can make. What cognitive and neural processes influence one's financial decision making process? Outside of the classroom, I enjoy playing basketball and taking photographs.

## Cristina Liu 刘雯婷

Tsinghua University, Environmental Engineering

Hi! I am Cristina, from Sao Paulo, Brazil. I am currently in my second year of study in Environmental Engineering at Tsinghua University. My interests include sustainability and renewable energy technology. I am also a sports and books lover. Can't wait to meet you!



## Fong (Timophyll) Yik Hung 房益雄

Peking University, Medicine

- Yr 2 med student
- studying at Peking University
- come from HK
- tall
- sport lover
- ????
- can't wait to meet you guys

## Gabriel Mintzer

MIT, Computer Science and Physics

My name is Gabriel Mintzer, and I am a freshman at MIT. I am from West Des Moines, Iowa, and I am currently studying physics and computer science with the intention of minoring in Chinese. My interests include playing the piano and the cello, as well as writing and solving mathematics problems.



## Gabriella Liu 刘乐童

Wellesley, Mathematics

- Really into maths and big dogs!
- Always backpacking or doing something dope :P
- Work hard and play hard type of person
- Currently I am slowly building up my stand-up comedian career on a daily basis



## Jackeline Lopez Ruiz

Wellesley, Media Arts and Sciences

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Jackeline Lopez Ruiz is a caring and ambitious individual who's passionate about taking risks and challenging herself. Currently in her first year of college at Wellesley College, she's excited to continue exploring her interests in Media Arts and Sciences.



## Megan Gu 顾心语

Wellesley, Economics & Psychology

Wellesley Class of 2020; the right combination of curiosity and empathy; believer in art, tech and education; always fascinated by what the great world has offered but we have yet to know or see.



## Miranda Miao 苗沐青

Wellesley, Philosophy and IR-Economics

I originally hailed from Jiangsu, China. After spending a year in Shanghai, a year in California, and three years in Ohio, I ended up in the lovely town of Wellesley. I am a passionate political activist, creative fictional writer, and accomplished public speaker. I am particularly enthusiastic about public international laws, the impact of technology on human rights, and international intellectual property disputes. I am extremely excited to be a part of iMUSE and to engage in the international discourse of technology and globalization.



## Oasis 甄子萱

Wellesley, Political Science & Economics

Hey Guys! My name is Oasis and I'm currently a freshman at Wellesley. For me, hometown includes Qingdao, New Jersey, and Rhode Island, and I am a huge fan of ice hockey, studio art, and social enterprise. I can't wait to meet you all soon!

## Shaowen(Adrian) Wu 伍绍文

Tsinghua University, English&Finance

A wildlife photographer, a challenged chef, and a runner.



## Tiffany Xinxu Zhou 周芯旭

Wellesley, Architecture/Political Science

Hi I am Tiffany, from Changsha, China. I am currently a first year student at Wellesley, potentially architecture and political science major. I love reading, traveling, and watching tv shows. I enjoy working at CDI as a committee member this semester and hope we could bring you an amazing conference in the winter!



## Vincent Tan 谭炜杰

Tsinghua University, Economics and Business; Public Policy

I received two Bachelor's degrees from Peking University, and one Master's degree from Tsinghua University as an inaugural Schwarzman Scholar. Currently I am studying for my second Master's degree at the University of Oxford, and will go to Harvard Business School for my MBA after that. I have internship experience in both public and private sector such as United Nations, BCG, Morgan Stanley and CICC. As a National Athlete, I am passionate about all kinds of sports. I'm also very interested in Chinese financial policy, educational inequality and rural-urban migration.



## Yifan (Edward) Wei 魏一凡

Tsinghua University, Department of Automotive Engineering

- President of IMUSE 2018
- Second degree in Economics (Financial orientation)
- Freshman representative for 2016 opening ceremony of Tsinghua University
- Interested in new energy and intelligent vehicle

## Wenxin Yan 颜文鑫

Peking University, Economics

Small part in big changes



## Yichen (Chloe) Wang

Wellesley, Media Arts and Sciences

- Art, Tech, Philosophy.
- Nap, Black Mirror, Hamilton.
- Caring, Curious, Creative.





## Yueyang(Kiki) Zhong

Tsinghua University, Industrial Engineering

Hi~ I'm a senior student from Tsinghua University. After graduation, I will do a PhD program in US. I am a great music and sports lover, piano, jazz, tennis and many more. I also love travelling. I have been to more than 10 countries around the world. I was a delegate in this summer session and can't wait to meet you guys in MIT this winter.



## Zilu Pan 潘子路

MIT, Mathematics with Computer Science

Zilu is a sophomore from Chengdu, China but has also lived in San Diego, California. He is studying Mathematics with Computer Science at MIT, and is very excited to be a CDI-iMUSE winter conference delegate. Zilu has done research on macroeconomic modeling at the department of economics here at MIT. He also enjoys binging ridiculously over-the-top soap operas, singing, and is interested in biology, fintech, and anything else STEM related.



## Shengkai Yang 杨晟恺

Tsinghua University, School of Information Science and Technology, Department of Automation

- Executive Board of Tsinghua ASIC, Head of Strategic Growth Department, Vice President of IMUSE2017
- A spicy-addicted Chengduer keen on 麻酱 and an engineering student interested in international communication:P



## Zeyu Huai 淮泽宇

Tsinghua University, School of Architecture

Hey, I'm Huai Zeyu( you can also call me Lucy, a sophomore in architecture at THU. It's my first time to explore the U.S. I really look forward to meeting you and our stories in winter



## Ning (Alexa) Guan 管宁

MIT, Biological Engineering

I grew up in Wuhan, China, a beautiful city along the Yangtze River. I went to high school in Southern California, and am currently a sophomore at MIT. Outside of classes and research, I enjoy rowing, watching TV, and spending time with Cru Christian fellowship.



## Kaixin (Kathy) Huang 黄凯欣

Peking University, Journalism and Communication

I'm a junior at Peking University and major in journalism and communication. From my point of view, media is a very interesting and useful thing that refreshes my daily life. I'm also enthusiastic about exploring my interests in social science, which is a rich and colorful field. I'm really excited and looking forward to meeting you all.

## Shuning (Kelly) Jiang 蒋书凝

Peking University, Finance

A girl willing to be Love&Peace





# Organizer Bios

## Dou Dou 窦豆

MIT, CDI exec, Mechanical Engineering & Management

Dou Dou is the Director of iMUSE 2018 Winter Conference and Vice President of MIT-CDI. Being a 5th year “fossil” at MIT, she is content about having led a full and interesting life both at MIT and Cambridge University. Somethings she’s proud of include TA-ing, doing entrepreneurship things and international development projects, writing and producing songs, performing a capella, and publishing music videos. Dou has an appetite for new experiences and challenges, and a passion for connecting the world through music, engineering, and business.



## Qingshu (Celia) Han 韩青书

MIT, CDI exec, Computer Science

Born in Beijing, I first came to the U.S. for high school when I was 15. Since then, I have truly been living the best of the two educational systems, with my beliefs shaped by both cultures. CDI’s missions really resonate with my own and I am excited to be part of this amazing organization to help create a network of leaders in MIT and China who will continue to inspire and influence their surroundings as they put their leadership skills and aspirations into practice.

## Xin Wen 温馨

MIT, CDI exec, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

I was born in Shenzhen and came to the U.S. for high school when I was 15. I am interested in the intersection of engineering and design. For me, these two disciplines are about envisioning the future of interactions and turning these visions into reality.



## Ziwen (Jacky) Jiang 蒋子闻

MIT, CDI exec, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

I am interested in electronics, medical device, and education; always enjoy movies, games, and sports.

## Madeline Zhang 张曼琳

MIT, CDI exec, Computer Science and Engineering

Madeline Zhang is very excited to be a part of iMUSE. Currently a sophomore studying Computer Science and Engineering, Madeline was previously a delegate for the iMUSE summer session. In addition to CDI, she is also involved in her sorority, Model UN, and her a cappella group at MIT. In her free time, she enjoys running, singing, listening to music, and binging weird TV shows.





Danhao Ma 马诞豪

MIT, Committee member, Materials Science and Engineering

Life is good. Take it easy.

Gabriella is also a delegate. See bio above.



Tiffany is also a delegate. See bio above.



## Janice Chui

MIT, Conference staff, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Hello! I'm a junior at MIT studying EECS and originally from New York! Outside of class, I like getting involved in the MIT community and connecting with others around here. I'm an organizer for several cultural groups, a part of a Christian fellowship, a MakerLodge mentor, and a student ambassador. In my free time, I enjoy cooking, swimming, and traveling. I'm really passionate about Chinese culture and am excited to be a part of this conference!



## Alex Guo 过图南

MIT, conference staff, possibly Computer Science or Mechanical Engineering

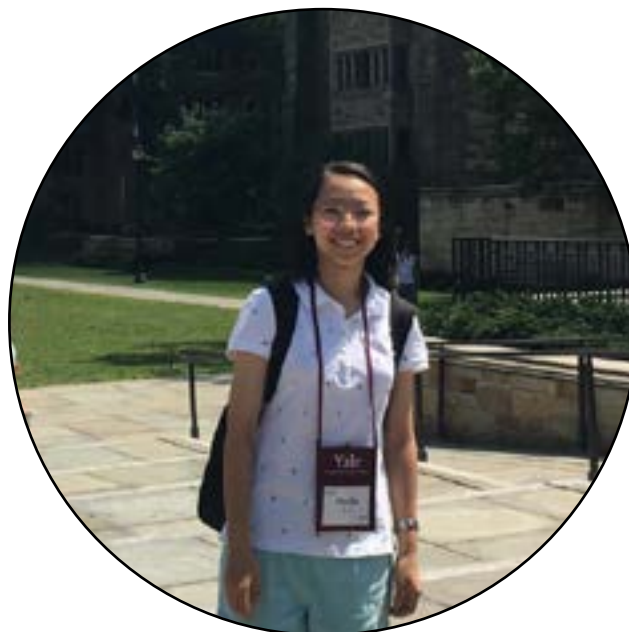
I was born in Chicago but I've lived in Beijing most of my life, attending international school. Both my parents graduated from Tsinghua University and my mom still teaches there! I went to boarding school in Massachusetts and now I'm a freshman here at MIT. Super excited to meet everyone coming!



## Phyllis Wei 卫钰杰

Wellesley, conference staff, Economics and Mathematics

Phyllis is a first-year at Wellesley from Beijing. She is curious to learn more about the world, whether that means exploring different cultures and how they shape the development of different countries, following the financial market, or engaging in data analysis and mathematical modeling. Digging into biochemistry, listening to classical music, and baking are also among her many interests. She looks forward to working with CDI and iMUSE to explore the role of technology in solving international development problems.



## Yiwei Zhu 朱逸玮

MIT, Conference staff, Mathematics and Computer Science

Hey friends :) I'm a freshman at MIT from Shanghai and used to study in both China and US. I'm really excited for all the fun, friendship, and food at iMUSE 2018!









# Transportation

**B**oston is a nice city to get around, whether through public transportation, Uber or Lyft, or on foot. The subway system is called the T and color-coded by famous attractions along each of the first four lines. The **Red Line** runs through MIT and is used to terminate at Harvard whose color is Crimson; the **Green Line** runs along Frederick Law Olmsted's Emerald Necklace parks; the **Blue Line** runs under Boston Harbor; and the **Orange Line** runs beneath a part of Washington Street originally called Orange Street.

The Charles River separates Boston from Cambridge. On a warmer day, the walk across the bridge is lovely and you can see the famous "Smoots" measurements and the "half-way to hell" mark pointing toward MIT. During the winter, you can take the No. 1 bus that stops right in front of 77 Mass Ave to go into Boston or toward Harvard Square.

Here are some options for traveling to and from the airport, or South Station for people traveling by bus or train. If you need to go elsewhere, Google Maps is your friend. You are also welcome to ask any of us.

To and from **Boston Logan Airport**:

By car (lyft or uber): \$15-25 and about 20 min without traffic; both the airport and MIT have WIFI.

By T: the Silver Line is free from Logan Airport inbound to South Station and you can take then the Red Line (to Alewife direction) to MIT/Kendall. Going to the airport by the T is not free, however. The trip takes 30 minutes.

To and from **South Station**:

By car (lyft or uber): \$10-15 and about 12 minutes without traffic.

By T: Take the Red Line and get off at MIT/Kendall. About \$3 and 10 minutes.





# Exploring Boston

Boston is a historical city, and you can discover the rich history of American Revolution, which began in Boston. Boston is also home to the Red Sox, the Bruins, and the Celtics. For the sports fans, a game at the stadium may be a fantastic way to spend an evening. For people who love arts, Boston has many lovely museums and performance groups. If you are interested in something not listed on this guide, please feel free to ask us for suggestions.



The FREEDOM TRAIL is a 2.5 mile route that leads you to 16 historically significant sites. It is easy to follow, by the line of red bricks in the sidewalk and by footprints at street crossings. Begin by picking up brochures on the attractions at the Visitor Center in the Boston Common before heading to the State House and check out the [official site](#) for a crash history course.

BOSTON COMMON, established in 1634, is America's oldest public park. Puritan colonists purchased the land rights to the Common's 44 acres from the first settler of the area, Anglican minister William Blackstone. The price was 30 pounds, and each homeowner paid him six shillings. The pasture then became known as the "Common Land" and was used to graze local livestock until 1830.





THE OLD CORNER BOOKSTORE was the center of American book publishing in the mid-1800s when Boston was the country's literary mecca. From this place, publishers Ticknor and Fields produced the works of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Ralph Waldo Emerson, John Greenleaf Whittier, Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr., and Louisa May Alcott, many of whom were frequent visitors to the building.

At FANEUIL HALL in 1764, Americans first protested against the Sugar Act and the Stamp Act, setting the doctrine that would come to be known as "no taxation without representation." Now it is a lively marketplace with delicious food and local artisan shops. Remember to also check out the nearby QUINCY MARKET!



Spend some time at Harvard Square on the evening of the mixer with HAUSCR and enjoy the chill vibe of a college town. Cakes at Tatte and milkshake at J.P. Licks make great dessert with you new friends.





*“Mrs. Jack Gardner is one of the seven wonders of Boston... She is a millionaire Bohemienne. She is the leader of the smart set, but she often leads where none dare follow... She imitates nobody; everything she does is novel and original.”—a Boston reporter*

The ISABELLA STEWARD GARDNER MUSEUM houses many works of world importance, including European, American, and Asian art. And the building itself is such a must-see gem.

The MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS is the fifth largest museum in the United States. It houses more than 450,000 works of art, making it one of the most comprehensive collections in the Americas. It has one of the finest Chinese art collections outside of East Asia.



For people who are interested in the intersection of art, engineering, science, and society, the MIT MUSEUM is definitely worth a visit. Robots and Beyond: Exploring Artificial Intelligence at MIT, and Gestural Engineering: The Sculpture of Arthur Ganson are two of the thought-provoking exhibitions going on right now. Afterwards, you can explore the restaurant scene at Central Square, e.g. grab the best ice cream in the city from Toscanini's and much coveted brunch at Cafe Luna.





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