



LIEBERTHAL-ROGEL CENTER FOR CHINESE STUDIES

Perspectives and pathbreaking academic research on contemporary and historical China

Lieberthal–Rogel Center for Chinese Studies (LRCCS) is one of the nation’s most prominent centers devoted to a deeper understanding of China, both past and present. It brings together experts in nearly every major facet of Chinese studies, ranging from history, literature, religion, art history, theater, music, dance, anthropology, politics, sociology, and economics, to law, public policy, information, and public health. In addition, LRCCS serves students and faculty in all 19 schools and colleges of the University of Michigan through funding for research, teaching initiatives, travel, internships, and language study.

Generous university-level support for Chinese studies is evident from the University of Michigan Asia Library, which offers the largest collection of materials in Chinese of any institution between the U.S. coasts, and the University of Michigan Museum of Art, which houses the Weese Collection of Ceramics and the Lo Chia-Lun Calligraphy Collection among its extensive holdings of Chinese art.

LRCCS faculty have broad expertise on China and many have engaged directly in public service. This includes serving in leadership and consulting roles to the State of Michigan, the U.S. Department of State, the World Bank, and the White House. Indeed, three faculty associates have assumed charge of U.S. foreign policy toward China and related areas on the National Security Council under three different Republican and Democratic presidents.

The Center for Chinese Studies' masters program is renowned, with 60 percent of its students going on to academic careers and 40 percent in fields such as journalism, business, policy and law. Now offered as part of the University of Michigan International Institute's Masters of International and Regional Studies (MIRS), the Chinese Studies specialization grounds students in the humanistic and social scientific study of both pre-modern and modern China, while also giving them the opportunity to write a thesis or participate in an internship. Students in MIRS may also elect to do joint degrees with the Ross School of Business, the Michigan Law School, the Ford School of Public Policy, and the School of Information.

LRCCS seeks donor funding to leverage the academic excellence of the university to fully develop initiatives that enhance local, national, and international understanding of China. With this support, LRCCS can maintain its global status in preparing the next generation of China scholars and fostering a more reasoned and knowledgeable public dialogue about China.

CHINA ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAMMING

LRCCS and its faculty experts are leaders on campus for teaching and research on Chinese arts and culture, including film, food, theater, traditional Chinese medicine, Chinese opera, art, and dance. Support for outreach initiatives will enable the center to sponsor artists from Greater China and the Chinese diaspora to give performances, workshops, and lectures on campus. Endowed funding of \$100,000 or annual gifts of \$5,000 would support one-time visits, single or multi-performer groups, longer workshops or exhibits, outreach classes to Michigan students, and public sessions for the southeast Michigan community. LRCCS is also very interested in co-sponsoring activities with institutions throughout the world.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING FUND

LRCCS offers funding for courses that include travel to China and hands-on learning in the field. These courses generally combine a winter term seminar on campus with travel to China in May or June for field work, data collection, and research. LRCCS has sponsored projects on environmental case writing with the School for Environment and Sustainability, public policy and foreign relations with the Ford School of Public Policy, international corporate strategy with the Ross School of Business, multicultural dance performance with the School of Music, Theater, and Dance, public health and hospital management with the School of Public Health, and education and developmental psychology with the School of Education and LSA's Department of Psychology. These programs build connections between U-M and our partners in China and engage our students in issues of global importance. Funding of \$5,000 per student or \$90,000 annually is needed for student and faculty travel costs.



“Without funding from LRCCS, I couldn’t have had the financial resources to pursue a dual degree in Public Policy and Chinese, and most importantly would not have been able to create long-lasting connections to professors, peers, and friends.”

***–Lindsey-Grey Quint,
recent MIRS graduate***



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

LRCCS regularly attracts students from all over the world who want interdisciplinary training in Chinese Studies. These include Chinese students who are constrained in what they can study in the People's Republic of China, as well as students from Asia, Africa, South America, or Europe who are interested in the connections between China and their own countries. These international students are not eligible for most sources of Rackham Graduate School funding, or for fellowships that require U.S. citizenship or permanent residency. In 2024–2025, graduate out-of-state tuition and fees equal \$29,000 per semester or \$58,000 per year. We are seeking funding to cover these costs with full or partial tuition grants to students.

CHINA INTERNSHIP INITIATIVE

LRCCS connects students from all 19 schools and colleges across campus to summer internships in mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan, as well as to China-related internships in the United States. Undergraduates and graduate students are placed at businesses, universities, and NGOs. Because of restrictions on the employment of foreigners, most of these internships cannot offer non-citizens a salary. Funding is needed to offset living costs and travel expenses for students who hope to experience working and living in China, and/or need exposure to China-related professional opportunities in the United States. An endowed gift of \$1M or \$50,000 annually would enable LRCCS to support five undergraduate internships each year.

THE LIEBERTHAL FUND

The Lieberthal Fund supports China-related academic study and scholarly research abroad. Established by Professor Emeritus Kenneth G. Lieberthal, this fund provides graduate or undergraduate fellowships to students affiliated with the center. Annual gifts of \$50,000 will provide support for up to five students annually.

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