Princeton in Beijing, a high-quality intensive program in intermediate and advanced Chinese language study for the serious language student, will hold its 28th session from June 19 to August 14, 2020. The faculty from Princeton brings to this effort more than three decades of leadership in pioneering intensive “total immersion” summer Chinese language programs in the United States, as well as more than three decades of experience in producing Chinese language textbooks at Princeton University’s Chinese Linguistics Project. To this experience is added the ultimate Chinese language environment—China’s capital city of Beijing.

The Princeton Chinese Language Program has established its own distinctive pedagogy while developing a series of Chinese language textbooks based on the belief that a strong foundation with an emphasis on accurate pronunciation and grammar is absolutely necessary for language mastery. The “total immersion” approach includes such special features as: a student pledge to speak no language other than Mandarin Chinese throughout the session, individual tutorial sessions in the afternoons, constant contact with faculty at special Chinese table meals, weekend excursions, and in campus life, and special lectures on various aspects of China studies.

The faculty includes instructors from Princeton University and other American universities. The American faculty teaches together with instructors from universities in Beijing, producing an overall student-teacher ratio of less than 3:1.

HOST INSTITUTION
The host institution, Beijing Normal University, is one of China’s premier institutions of higher learning. It is widely recognized for its strong faculty and the caliber of its students.

PIB AT A GLANCE…
Location: Beijing
Duration: 8 weeks
Student-to-teacher Ratio: 2.5 to 1
Credit: 8 Princeton University credits (equivalent to 2 semesters at PU)
Cost: $60 application fee + a comprehensive program fee of $6,300 (includes tuition, accommodations, “Chinese Table” meals, audio materials, speaker series lectures, PiB-organized outings, excursions, and cultural activities.) Airfare, textbooks, visa expenses not included.

ADMISSION AND FINANCIAL AID
Admission decisions are based on merit only. For students who are accepted, generous need-based financial aid awards are available. You will be asked to provide information on your preexisting financial award at Princeton in your application form online.

DATES AND DEADLINES
PiB Applications available: early October 2019
Deadline for financial aid applicants: January 15, 2020
General Application Deadline: January 31, 2020
Notification of Admissions Status: February – April 2020
PiB Preparation Handbook and Materials available: Late March 2020
Tuition Due: April 15, 2020
Students Arrive: Friday, June 19, 2020
Classes Begin: Monday, June 22, 2020
In past years early applications have had higher acceptance rates than later ones, because spaces in the program tend to fill up quickly. Therefore you are advised to apply early if you can. For more info and apply, please visit our website: https://pib.princeton.edu.