

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE WORLD ACADEMY FOR THE FUTURE OF WOMEN?

The World Academy for the Future of Women is a bold and rigorous leadership training program for women committed to acquiring skills and confidence to develop as campus, community, national, or global leaders. The Academy was announced in May at the 3rd annual Women's Symposium on SIAS International University campus in Xinzheng, Henan Province, China. The Academy will open in September on SIAS campus with the beginning of the 2009-2010 academic year.

The PURPOSE of the Academy is to promote and accelerate the advancement of women worldwide. The MISSION is to engage women in discovering their purpose and passion in life and to inspire, inform, and instruct them in finding their path to success.

WHO WILL ATTEND?

SIAS female students are invited to apply to become an Academy Associate. The application process will provide students the opportunity to express their commitment to leadership and an active engagement in the Academy curriculum and projects to learn and demonstrate their leadership abilities. Recommendations and personal interviews will finalize the selection of 20-25 students from each of the four classifications: (freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors). Participation in the Academy is a one-year commitment. The Academy is a certification program and does not provide academic credit.

WHO WILL FACILIATE THE ACADEMY?

A team of facilitators with leadership skills in business, corporations, community, global projects, and personal growth will deliver the Academy Curriculum. They each share a passion and commitment for preparing women for leadership roles. The founding facilitators are generously contributing five weeks of their time to be on SIAS campus, and paying their travel costs to participate. The Advisory Board is seeking a comparable Chinese team to co-facilitate with them. In addition, we invite SIAS Chinese and foreign faculty, as support staff and project supervisors to enhance the hands-on projects that will transfer and apply the skills to practice.

HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED?

There are many ways to support the Academy. Become a mentor to one of the students, apply to be an Academy Facilitator for the 2010-2011 year at SIAS, provide an internship to a student, invest in the future of the Academy or the future of an Academy Associate by becoming an Academy Investor in the Future of Women, offer project ideas that focus on women's issues, connect us with others in your network who would be interested in the Academy and the leaders it will produce, assist us in making this project known in order to grow the Academy to other campuses throughout China and worldwide, provide us resources to expand this work ... share your ideas about how we can promote the possibilities for women to make a world of difference!

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

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