Life Beyond Century Avenue
CLASS OF 2018
About NYU Shanghai

Founded in 2012 by New York University and East China Normal University with the support of the city of Shanghai and the district of Pudong, NYU Shanghai is China's first Sino-US research university and the third degree-granting campus of the NYU Global Network.

Based in the dynamic city of Shanghai, China, and international in outlook, NYU Shanghai seeks to cultivate globally-minded graduates and citizens through innovative teaching, world class research, and a commitment to public service. Undergraduate students pursue a course of study that will equip them with the broad knowledge base and the tools they will need to become creative thinkers and active learners throughout their lives.

NYU Shanghai's student body currently consists of 1,300 undergraduate and graduate students, half of whom are from China. Students from the United States and some 70 other countries represent the other half.

Chancellors' Message

Four and a half years ago, the members of the Class of 2018 chose to pursue a unique kind of education at NYU Shanghai: one that was cross-cultural, rooted in the liberal arts, and designed to transform them into globally-minded citizens.

The 2018 Life Beyond Century Avenue report finds our graduates embarking upon diverse fields of endeavor across 27 countries and regions - from graduate school and research to finance and software development, to volunteer work in underdeveloped communities.

We are extremely proud of our graduates and their successful launch into the world of work and advanced study. We are confident that they will continue to make significant contributions to their communities.

Yu Lizhong
Chancellor of NYU Shanghai

Jeffrey S. Lehman
Vice Chancellor of NYU Shanghai
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I believe NYU Shanghai has successfully created an environment that allows people from all walks of life to succeed. From rigorous academics to a welcoming student body and diverse professors, the resources available to students at NYU Shanghai are truly impressive. As NYU Shanghai provides you with prospects, it is up to you and nobody else to capitalize on them through action.

Amit Shmuel Gal-Or
CURRENT ROLE
Yenching Scholar
M.A. Candidate in China Studies,
Yenching Academy of Peking University
CEO and Chairman,
Phresh Ltd.
Beijing, China
MAJOR
Economics
HOME COUNTRY
Israel

CLASS PROFILE

| Graduates | Chinese Students | International Students | Nationalities | Languages Spoken |
| 254 | 143 | 111 | 43 | 37 |

59% Female
41% Male

Distribution of Majors

- Business
  - Business and Finance
  - Business and Marketing

- STEM
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Computer Science
  - Data Science
  - Honors Mathematics
  - Interactive Media Arts
  - Mathematics
  - Neural Science
  - Physics

- Social Science
  - Economics
  - Social Science

- Humanities
  - Global China Studies
  - Humanities
  - Self-Designed Honors Major
The greatest legacy of my years at NYU Shanghai are the amazing professors I had the privilege to get to know, many of whom remain my mentors and friends to this day.

Chen Mengzhu

CURRENT ROLE
User Experience Researcher, Microsoft
Shenzhen, China

MAJOR
Interactive Media Arts

HOME COUNTRY
China

I took advantage of the opportunities to study away in New York and Ghana to further explore my field and discover my interests. At NYU in New York City, I made connections with great professors and worked in a lab. The experience at Accra was like zooming out and zooming back in from a different side and seeing the whole story of the world in a new way. It was an eye-opening experience. I came back so nourished and fulfilled, like I had something to give back to both places as much as I was taking from them. It’s been so rewarding to study at these places and have such amazing connections with people.

Defne Inhan

CURRENT ROLE
Research Assistant, Columbia University
New York, USA

MAJOR
Neural Science

HOME COUNTRY
Turkey
**FIRST DESTINATIONS**

**Placement Rate**

- **41%**: Studying
- **94%**: Households
- **6%**: Volunteer Work, Gap Year, Other

**Where Did They Go?**

- **Top Destination Countries and Regions**
  - USA: 43%
  - Mainland China: 35%
  - UK: 4%
  - Hong Kong, China: 3%
  - Netherlands: 1%
  - Australia: 1%

- **27** post-graduation countries and regions
- **56%** are not in their home country post-graduation

**Home Regions vs. Post-graduation Regions**

- **Asia**
  - Home: 44%
  - Post-graduation: 65%
- **Americas**
  - Home: 20%
  - Post-graduation: 45%
- **Europe**
  - Home: 12%
  - Post-graduation: 9%
- **Africa**
  - Home: 2%
  - Post-graduation: 1%
- **Oceania**
  - Home: 1%
  - Post-graduation: 1%

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*This report includes NYU Shanghai graduates from January 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018. Figures in this report are based on the 96% of graduates for which the university has reasonable and verifiable information about their post-graduation activities, including information gathered from survey responses as well as other research from external sources. Statistics are rounded to the nearest whole number. Therefore, totals do not always equal 100%.*
My academic experience at NYU Shanghai has equipped me with solid research skills, and a clear sense of direction in terms of where my intellectual passions lie. NYU Shanghai’s identity as both a small liberal arts college and a part of a large research university meant that there were plenty of opportunities to assist professors throughout my four years. These opportunities complemented my experiences in the classroom and alongside internships which were very specific to my areas of interest, made for a well-rounded education.

James Bromley

CURRENT ROLE
Dean’s Fellow, Yale-NUS
Singapore City, Singapore

MAJOR
Social Science

HOME COUNTRY
United Kingdom

Ye Lin

CURRENT ROLE
Manager, Asia-Pacific Model E-Port Network (APMEN)
Shanghai, China

MAJOR
Business and Finance

HOME COUNTRY
China
EMPLOYMENT

By Industry

21% Hardware/Internet/IT/Software
20% Accounting/Banking/Financial Services
17% Education/Research
13% Advertising/Communication/Marketing/Media/Public Relations
11% Management Consulting
9% Hospitality/Retail
5% International/Non-Governmental Organizations
5% Others

Average Annual Salary

¥134,575 in China
$60,217 in USA

People talk about global issues all the time, but at NYU Shanghai, we don’t just talk about them on slides, books, or paper. Students from all backgrounds bring up examples from their own experience and create an environment in which we are able to understand the world in greater depth.

Zhu Hua
CURRENT ROLE
Research Analyst, J.P. Morgan
Shanghai, China

MAJOR
Business and Finance

HOME COUNTRY
China
Notable Employers By Industry

**Hardware/Internet/IT/Software**

- Alibaba, Guangzhou, China
- Amazon, Beijing, China
- Facebook, Dublin, Ireland
- Flow Science, Santa Fe, USA
- Google, Ohio, USA; Dublin, Ireland
- Huawei, Shanghai, China
- IBM, Jersey City, USA; Boston, USA
- Microsoft, Shenzhen, China
- Shopee, Singapore
- Tencent, Shanghai, China
- Uber, San Francisco, USA
- WaCai, Shanghai, China

**Accounting/Banking/Financial Services**

- American Express, London, UK
- Bank of America, Merrill Lynch, London, UK
- Citibank, Shanghai, China
- Discover Information Technology, Shanghai, China
- Habib Bank Limited, Lahore, Pakistan
- HSBC, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- J.P. Morgan, New York, USA; Shanghai, China
- Morgan Stanley, New York, USA
- Mongolia International Capital Corporation (Princeton in Asia Fellow), Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- Standard Chartered Bank, Johannesburg, South Africa
- UBS, Hong Kong, China

**Education/Research**

- Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Budapest, Hungary
- Columbia University, New York, USA
- Harvard University, Cambridge, USA
- J.P. Morgan, New York, USA; Shanghai, China
- New York University, New York, USA
- New York University Shanghai, Shanghai, China
- University of Chicago, Chicago, USA
- Yale-NUS College, Singapore

**Advertising/Communication/Marketing/Media/Public Relations**

- GroupM, Shanghai, China
- IPG MediaBrands, London, UK
- Kantar Media CIC, Astana, Kazakhstan
- L’Oreal, Shanghai, China
- Vizeum, Shanghai, China
- Yeahmobi, Shanghai, China

**Management Consulting**

- Deloitte, Shanghai, China
- Ernst & Young, Shanghai, China
- KPMG, Boston, USA; Dubai, UAE
- PricewaterhouseCoopers, Shanghai, China
- Roland Berger, Shanghai, China

**International/Non-Governmental Organizations**

- Asia-Pacific Model E-Port Network, Shanghai, China
- Peace Corps, Togo
- Teach for China, Yunnan, China
As a startup owner, I identified a very real demand in the market for services related to the Belt and Road Initiative. It took a few months of trial and error to find out the best structure for moving forward, but I am confident that our education at NYU Shanghai and focus on China are much needed skills in the global market.

Louis James Demetroulakos

CURRENT ROLE
Founder,
Sirikos Advisory
Dubai, UAE

MAJOR
Global China Studies

HOME COUNTRY
United States

As a volunteer teacher in rural Yunnan, I realized that children need continuous encouragement and extreme patience, and I saw dramatic changes in myself, on how I managed my emotions and the classroom. I want to influence people around me, regardless of age, which is why I want to study educational psychology in the future. Maybe I will join an international non-profit specializing in education or run a humanities center in Yunnan one day.

Bai Hailun

CURRENT ROLE
Teacher,
Teach for China
Yunnan, China

MAJOR
Humanities

HOME COUNTRY
China
During my four years at NYU Shanghai, students were encouraged to study what we truly liked. Because of our unique curriculum and learning environment, every student had different courses, internships, and research experiences. Even for students within the same major, there was no need to compare oneself to others, and everyone’s undergraduate life was unique. I think this is the most impressive thing about NYU Shanghai.

Sun Yue

CURRENT ROLE
M.E. Candidate in Computational Science and Engineering, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA

MAJOR
Mathematics

HOME COUNTRY
China

3.4 average number of offers received
63% graduates received at least 2 graduate school offers

73% USA
11% France
11% Mainland China
7% Germany
7% Netherlands
5% Hong Kong, China
1% UK
1% Philippines
3% Australia
What I enjoyed most about my undergraduate studies was watching great ideas emerge from the collision of different perspectives. No matter which course I took, it was always rewarding to talk to people from different disciplines. For example, one of my classmates in Computational Chemistry was an expert in theoretical chemistry, while I was more familiar with physics. Not only were we able to fill each other’s knowledge gaps with our own expertise, he also helped me better understand physics through its applications in computational chemistry. This takeaway also applies to disciplines well beyond science as well.

Chen Yuhang
CURRENT ROLE
Ph.D. Candidate in Quantitative and Computational Biology,
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey, USA

MAJOR
Physics

HOME COUNTRY
China

As a global China studies major and interactive media arts minor at NYU Shanghai, I developed a foundation in Chinese politics, language, and online media culture. Now at Yenching Academy, I am able to approach my concentration of international relations from a regional perspective. I plan to write my master’s thesis on China-South Asia security relations to prepare for my future goal of pursuing a PhD.

Zoe Jordan
CURRENT ROLE
Yenching Scholar
M.A. Candidate in China Studies,
Yenching Academy of Peking University
Beijing, China

MAJOR
Global China Studies

HOME COUNTRY
United States
## GRADUATE SCHOOL

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## Notable Schools and Programs

- University of California, Los Angeles
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Columbia University
- Duke University
- University of Edinburgh
- Harvard University
- The University of Hong Kong
- Johns Hopkins University
- University of London
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- McGill University
- University of Melbourne
- University of Michigan
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- Oxford University
- Paris School of Economics
- Princeton University
- University of Toronto
- University of Washington
I intended to study biology or business when I first entered NYU Shanghai. But during my first year, I took a course called Masters of Asian Cinema that made me realize that I was actually interested in the humanities. Compared with other universities in China that require students to choose their major when entering, the first two years of liberal arts studies at NYU Shanghai offer students the space to discover their academic passions. I had the opportunity to try other disciplines, which broadened my horizons and continuously shaped my future development path. Interdisciplinary thinking is important in various fields both inside and outside academia. The liberal arts environment offered by NYU Shanghai provides us a great opportunity to master such skill.

Liu Lingyi

CURRENT ROLE
M.A. Candidate in History of Art and Archaeology in East Asia and Intensive Language (Japanese), SOAS, University of London
London, United Kingdom

MAJOR
Humanities

HOME COUNTRY
China

At NYU Shanghai, I was able to work as a research assistant for a professor, organize environmental events, activities, and programs through the student organization Green Shanghai, and intern for the Alliance for Water Stewardship with the help of a Summer Internship Grant from Career Development Center. All of these extracurricular and internship experiences helped me build leadership skills and realize my passion for environmental policy.

Nofar Hamrany

CURRENT ROLE
Schwarzman Scholar
M.A. Candidate in Global Affairs, Tsinghua University
Beijing, China

MAJOR
Economics

HOME COUNTRY
Israel
Coming from a school system that put little emphasis on world history, the learning curve for me was quite steep at NYU Shanghai. Meeting so many people from countries that I had never heard of before put a new spin on the idea of diversity for me. Studying and working in these diverse environments challenged my beliefs and also taught me how to think in a global context. My experience at NYU Shanghai has undoubtedly provided me with all the tools to thrive in any academic or work setting.

Branden J Taylor

CURRENT ROLE
Princeton in Asia Fellow
Investment Banking Analyst, Mongolia International Capital Corporation, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

MAJOR
Business and Finance

HOME COUNTRY
United States

GLOBAL AWARDS

Yenching Scholars
Schwarzman Scholar
Princeton in Asia Fellowship

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN CHINA

- Graduates in China: 18 (16% of international graduates)

- Notable Companies and Organizations
  - Charoen Pokphand Group
    - Shanghai
  - HAX Accelerator
    - Shenzhen
  - Huawei Technologies
    - Shanghai
  - Unicredit
    - Hong Kong
  - Yeahmobi
    - Shanghai

- Notable Schools and Master's Programs
  - Duke Kunshan University
    - Global Health
  - Nanjing University
    - Chinese and Foreign Political Institution
  - Peking University
    - International Relations
    - China Studies, Yenching Scholars
  - Tsinghua University
    - Advanced Computing
    - Global Studies, Schwarzman Scholars
I majored in social science, and after graduation I joined an internet company as a product manager. I credit my rapid progress and adaptation to a new environment to the education I received at NYU Shanghai. My employer has employees from across Southeast Asia: Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, the Philippines and Thailand. Therefore, every moment at work is cross-cultural. Because of my four years at NYU Shanghai, I can easily handle linguistic and cultural gaps, and communicate effectively in cross-cultural environments.

**Li Xiang**

**CURRENT ROLE**
Product Manager, Shopee
Singapore

**MAJOR**
Social Science

**HOME COUNTRY**
China

To me, Shanghai will always be home. As much as I crave to be there, I know deep down that I will find myself there again and again. It’s not called 魔都 (‘magic capital’) for nothing. There’s something truly magical about Shanghai, no matter how hard you try to leave, it will always pull you back somehow. I’m confident that it will call for me again. This anticipation helps in not feeling homesick.

**Vishaal Singh**

**CURRENT ROLE**
International Graduate Associate in Global Banking and Corporate Finance, Standard Chartered Bank
Johannesburg, South Africa

**MAJOR**
Social Science

**HOME COUNTRY**
South Africa
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