Writing and Speaking Fellowship
Education. Leadership. Cross-Cultural Communication

The NYU Shanghai Writing and Speaking Fellowship enables accomplished individuals with a passion for teaching to provide academic support and enrichment to NYU Shanghai’s multicultural student body.

Since its opening, NYU Shanghai has welcomed Fellows who have supported the University’s courses across the curriculum, helping to craft a world-class institution.

Working closely with faculty and staff, Fellows can be found tutoring at the Academic Resource Center (ARC), teaching workshops in and out of the classroom, and pursuing their own research and creative projects.
Tutoring

Academic life can be overwhelming, and students require a range of approaches to learning. That’s where the Academic Resource Center (ARC) comes in: individual consultations connect Fellows with NYU Shanghai students across the disciplines to create a positive learning environment.

Relying on different pedagogical methods and practices, Writing and Speaking Fellows work tirelessly to raise students to the level of independent learners. Fellows show students how to tackle rigorous writing assignments from courses in the humanities and social sciences to business and media arts. Students can meet one-on-one with a Fellow at any stage in the writing process, from brainstorming to final edits.

Workshops

NYU Shanghai supports students as they develop the necessary tools to succeed in college. To that end, the ARC offers academic skills workshops in note taking, class participation, critical reading, exam preparation, and time management.

Fellows also support freshman orientation programming with workshops specifically designed to assist incoming students with the academic and personal challenges of university life.

Mentorship

Fellows develop their leadership, project management, and intercultural communication skills by providing curricular and co-curricular support. This might include mentoring student groups, developing support for students pursuing careers/graduate school, or launching new initiatives that contribute to intellectual life on campus.
Throughout the year, Fellows in Shanghai have the opportunity to pursue a personal project and receive feedback from faculty. Projects can range from academic research to creative writing to hands-on initiatives that help meet a need in the university.

**Scholarship Project**

NYU Shanghai offers Writing and Speaking Fellows the resources to grow as writers and scholars through a year-long individualized project. Fellows are paired with a faculty mentor to develop a passion into a finished work, which is then shared at the conclusion of the academic year. This annual poster event contributes to the university’s intellectual life and showcases the diverse interests of each class of Fellows.

In the past, Fellows have conducted field work on topics such as learning pedagogy, urban populations, and a guide to gluten-free living in Shanghai. Previous writing projects have also included creative fiction, poetry and memoir. Limited funding is available to support select Fellow’s project designs.

**Past Projects**

- **Ziye Wang**  
  High School Students’ Expectations of University and NYUSH Students’ Satisfaction

- **Rebecca Rozek**  
  Situating the Academic Resource Center: Learning Centers and Tutoring Models in Asia

- **Diana Lee**  
  Crosscurrents: A Memoir Piece

- **Cameron French**  
  Speaking Across the Global Network University

- **Charlotte Evans**  
  Investigating Service Learning Curricula in an International Higher Education Context

- **Chang Zhao**  
  Collective Identities in Shanghai Alleyway Houses: An Ethnographic Study

- **Jamie Nadel**  
  Remembering Jewish Shanghai

- **Yiming Zhang**  
  Liberal Arts Education in Early Modern China

**Winter Fellowship Project**

The Winter Fellowship Project occurs during the January term when Fellows have the opportunity to continue their research beyond NYU Shanghai’s campus. Fellows can elect to dig deeper into their Scholarship Project or pursue an institutional project.

**Research Opportunities**

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Praise for Fellows

“The NYU Shanghai Fellows are an amazing bunch of people. I have found not only tutors to help me in writing, but life mentors and friends... They are all wonderfully approachable about anything under the sun.”

Meizhi Ng
Class of 2017

“When I look back to the essays I wrote last September and compare them to what I write now, it is a HUGE change.”

Sunyi Wang, Class of 2018

"The Fellows perform an important role here at NYU Shanghai. The ARC is one of the strongest community centers we have here, and its warm vibe spreads out through the campus."

Dan Keane
Writing Program

"Fellows play such a crucial role in students' overall development, challenging them when they need to be pushed and supporting them when they are faced with life’s many challenges."

David Pe, Associate Dean of Students