

**PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM  
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PARTICIPANT BIOS**

**CHENG XIAOQIONG  
IFINE ENVIRONMENT ORGANIZATION**



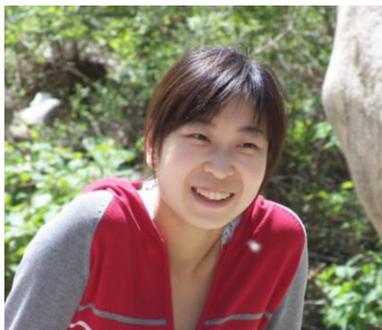
IFINE is an NGO focusing on waste management in Shanghai communities. It was established five years ago to design and promote waste sorting, and is a pioneer in community waste sorting. Ms. Cheng Xiaoqiong is a communications specialist, promoting the work of IFINE.

Ms. Cheng worked as a business journalist for several years. She volunteered for IFINE on the side before joining the organization full-time in 2016. She sees the organization as a community change maker – particularly changing people’s attitudes toward waste and the environment. Ms. Cheng hopes to see and learn a lot during her stay in the United States, so that she and her colleagues can create a better place to live.

During her undergraduate career studying journalism at Northeastern University in Shenyang, Ms. Cheng spent a year as an exchange student at Lingnan University in Hong Kong.

Cheng Xiaoqiong has been placed at Cascade Asset Management in Madison, Wisconsin.

**DENG PING  
PACIFIC ENVIRONMENT**



Deng Ping joined Pacific Environment in 2015 as China program consultant. Before that, she worked in the Greenpeace Southeast Asia office as a senior campaigner. Her work focuses on issues including climate change, fossil fuels, and water resource protection. By cooperating with local grassroots groups, she tries to strengthen public participation in environmental issues.

Ms. Deng graduated from China Agriculture University, with a bachelor’s degree in environmental engineering and a master’s degree in grassland conservation.

Deng Ping was born in Chongqing, where she enjoyed the famous mountains outside of the city and grew fond of nature.

Ms. Deng has been placed at the Asian Pacific Environmental Network in Oakland, California.

**MARAL GANKHUYAG**  
**ZORIG FOUNDATION**



Maral Gankhuyag serves as program coordinator of the Environmental Fellowship Program (EFP) at the Zorig Foundation. The EFP is an annual program that informs young professionals from various sectors of critical environmental issues, develops their leadership skills and enables them to design and implement community projects that address pressing environmental issues in their communities. The program has earned much acclaim from the public for its community projects and has demonstrated that change can happen from the bottom up.

Maral received an Endeavour Award from the Australian government to study at Australian National University where she received two master's degrees, one in public policy and the other in public administration. She received her bachelor's degree in British and American studies from the National University of Mongolia.

Ms. Gankhuyag has been placed at the Hester Street Collaborative in New York City.

**GONG WANBIN**  
**ECOVANE ENVIRONMENTAL**



Gong Wanbin (aka Bill) is the founder and CEO of Ecovane Environmental, a social enterprise promoting product and business sustainability in China. Ecovane, based in Shanghai, focuses on promoting and providing service related to product and supply chain sustainability and business environmental, health and safety development.

Mr. Gong has over 15 years' experience on product life cycle impact assessment (LCA), product eco-design and business sustainability in China.

Mr. Gong obtained his bachelor's degree in energy engineering from Shanghai Jiaotong University and his master's degree in eco-technology and sustainability from Mid-Sweden University (Mittuniversitet). He also has a post-graduate certificate in strategic sustainable development from the Blekinge Institute of Technology, also in Sweden.

Mr. Gong recently led the development of 1mi1 LCA and a service tool platform ([www.1mi1.cn](http://www.1mi1.cn)), aiming to provide free tools to Chinese small and medium enterprises and supply chains to conduct product and business environmental impact assessment.

Mr. Gong has been placed at the U.S. Green Building Council in Washington, D.C.

**GUO LINA**  
**CHINA FOUNDATION FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION**



Guo Lina has been a legal officer at the China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation (CFPA) for seven years. CFPA focuses on health improvement, education equality, rural development and humanitarian aid.

As a legal officer, she is responsible for legal affairs and compliance, playing a key role in risk control of fundraising and the implementation of projects. Her duties include review of legal documents, legal evaluation of major charity projects, and legal research on philanthropy.

Ms. Guo Lina received her master's in law degree from the Law School of the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) in Beijing.

Before turning to law, Ms. Guo worked as an automotive engineer, having received her undergraduate degree from the Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Ms. Guo has been placed at the Asia Foundation in San Francisco, California.

**HUANG JIANCHAO**  
**SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY – SHUNDE INSTITUTE**



Huang Jianchao is a researcher at the Sun Yat-sen University-Shunde Institute, which was founded by the School of Government of Sun Yat-sen University. As a senior analyst, his duties include implementing research programs regarding community governance and social service evaluation, and designing community service programs. He and his research team are conducting an action research program funded by the Guangzhou municipal government, in which they will introduce skills and ideas of community governance to select neighborhood associations to facilitate positive change in the community.

While in the United States, he hopes to have opportunities to share his findings with researchers and front-line practitioners.

Mr. Huang received bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from the Sun Yat-sen University Department of Sociology and Social Work.

Mr. Huang has been placed at the Consensus Building Institute in Boston, Massachusetts.

**JIANG YI**  
**SAVE THE CHILDREN**



Jiang Yi is from Kunming City, Yunnan Province, in southwestern China. She works with the Child Protection and Justice Project team of Save the Children China. Her group operates youth justice pilot projects to build up local integrated child protection systems.

Prior to joining Save the Children, Jiang Yi worked with Give2Asia in making and managing grants ranging from education and poverty alleviation to disaster response, and before that with International Bridges to Justice to support China's criminal legal aid.

She previously worked in the information management department of a bank and as an administrative and teaching assistant at a college. As a volunteer, Jiang Yi taught in a rural primary school in northwestern China in spring 2014.

Jiang Yi earned bachelor's and master's degrees in law at Beijing Normal University and Capital University of Economics & Business, respectively. She also studied at the Johns Hopkins University-Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies, 2004-2005.

Jiang Yi likes jogging and Chinese calligraphy.

Ms. Jiang has been placed at Saint Frances Community Services in Salina and Wichita, Kansas. She hopes to meet Dorothy and Toto!

**BAUYRJAN KHUANTKHAN**  
**NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN MISSION - MONGOLIA**



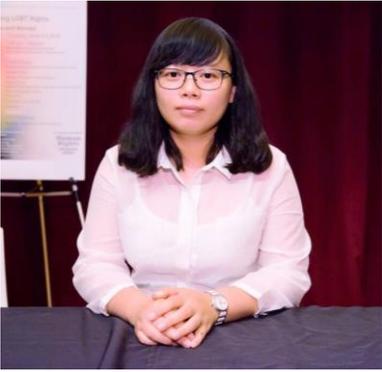
Bayurjan Khuantkhan was born in a mainly ethnic Kazakh village in Khovd Province in western Mongolia. After completing high school in the village, he went on to receive a bachelor's degree in business administration at the University of Humanities in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia's capital. As a student in Ulaanbaatar, he dreamed of acquiring higher education in English, which he believed would open the world to him. As a reward for his hard work and big dream, he had an opportunity to study abroad: he completed a master's degree in commerce at the University of Delhi, in New Delhi, India.

Mr. Khuantkhan now works at Norwegian Lutheran Mission-Mongolia as an administrative coordinator. He mainly assists the branch leader and coordinates branch activities. The organization implements projects in child rights and primary health care and works on behalf of children with disabilities.

He lives with his wife and son in Bayan-Ulgii province, the westernmost, most rural, and only Kazakh province in Mongolia.

Mr. Khuantkhan has been placed at Lawyers for Children in New York City.

**WU TONG**  
**SHENYANG LESBIAN FRATERNITY**



Ms. Wu Tong, a Manchu, likes to learn about different cultures so she studied French at Shenyang Normal University. After her graduation she worked as an interpreter for a Chinese company in Algeria for 18 months. She loves to travel, especially enjoying delicious food, beautiful scenery and museums.

Ms. Wu is co-founder and director of the Shenyang Lesbian Fraternity, a nonprofit organization in northeast China. The organization provides services and support to local lesbian, bisexual, and transgender women. Ms. Wu looks forward to focusing on sexual minority and gender equality issues in community work in the United States.

Wu Tong has been placed at Out & Equal Workplace Advocates in San Francisco, California.

**ZHANG XIYA**  
**NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL**



Ms. Zhang Xiya is a project advocate at the Natural Resources Defense Council, working with the China Environmental Law and Governance Project in the Beijing office. She has eight years of experience in environmental NGO development and governance issues in China. She conducts research in environmental management, cultivates relationships and carries out training with government agencies, NGOs, lawyers and other stakeholders to enhance environmental public participation, public interest litigation and environmental governance in China.

Ms. Zhang has a master's degree in environmental studies and sustainability science from Lund University, Sweden, and a bachelor's degree in international economics and trade from the Beijing University of Aeronautics

and Astronautics.

Ms. Zhang has been placed at the Natural Resources Defense Council in Washington, D.C.

## PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM



The U.S. Department of State has awarded a grant to the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations to implement the Professional Fellows Program for China and Mongolia. This two-way-exchange program includes participants who work in the fields of environment, legal aid, community building with marginalized populations, and philanthropy. The heart of the program is a four-week fellowship placement at an organization in the United States that focuses on the same issue(s) as the fellow and his/her home institution. The placements are tailored to each individual and host organization, and include shadowing staff members, participating in meetings, learning about the host organization's day-to-day work, and observing the overall activity of the host organization. In addition, all participants are responsible for implementing individual projects in their home countries upon their return; the projects must be built upon – or informed by – what s/he learned during the fellowship placement.

## NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS



The National Committee on United States-China Relations is a nonprofit, educational organization that encourages understanding of China and the United States among citizens of both countries. The Committee conducts exchange and policy activities with mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan in the areas of economic development and management, governance and legal affairs, international relations, educational administration, environmental and global issues, and mass communication.

Membership includes distinguished Americans from all parts of the country who represent many points of view but share the belief that increased public knowledge of China, U.S.-China relations, and developments in "Greater China" enhances international understanding and strengthens the Sino-American relationship.

The Professional Fellows Program is funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and managed by the National Committee on United States-China Relations.