

Hefner Initiative – OSSM 2020 Award Application Essay Requirements

Each Hefner Initiative – OSSM 2020 applicant is required to submit two essays **with their application and resume**. Requirements are as follows:

Essay #1 submitted by student expressing their view in regard to the importance of improving the US/China relationship. The essay should include:

- the applicant’s thoughts on the three most important considerations (i.e., political, economic, cultural, intellectual, energy, environmental, etc.) shaping the contours of the relationship between the United States and China today;
- what areas of discourse and/or contact between China and the United States need reform and improvement; and
- what prognosis the applicant can offer regarding the future course of Sino-American relations during the twenty-first century.

This essay should be no less than 750 words (3 pages) and no more than 1000 words (4 pages) in length. The essay must be double-spaced and typed in a Times New Roman 12-point font.

Essay #2 submitted by student on the history of Beijing and Suzhou. This essay should be no less than 750 words (3 pages) and no more than 1,000 words (4 pages), double-spaced, and typed in a Times New Roman 12-point font.

Hard copies of the essays are to be submitted by the applicant along with their cover letter, application form, and resume to the Hefner Initiative – OSSM 2020 Award Committee (turn in to Ms. Bonnett at the President’s Office in MAC) **no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, January 13, 2020.**

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Remember that, if selected, a reflection essay and photographs taken during the trip must also be submitted within two weeks after return describing the student’s experience with their host families and host students and also describing their own views on how they now regard the importance of a US/China relationship. Selected students will also be encouraged after return to give a slide presentation to their school, their community, at various associations sharing their experience.