



PROJECTPENGYOU.ORG

## OVERVIEW

Project Pengyou is mobilizing the next generation of U.S.-China bridge-builders.

We connect young Americans who have lived or studied in China through leadership training, events and a social networking site. Project Pengyou is a non-profit initiative of the Golden Bridges Foundation and was conceived in 2011 as the alumni network of the President's 100,000 Strong Initiative.

With over 300 groups and 4,500 members, Project Pengyou is establishing campus chapters across America to champion a deeper understanding of China and to encourage active US-China engagement beyond the classroom.

Last year, Project Pengyou launched a "Leadership Fellows" program to train young American "China alumni" in community organizing and cross-cultural leadership skills.

On [www.ProjectPengyou.org](http://www.ProjectPengyou.org), anyone interested in China can create an account and connect with other American China alumni. Through our members, we are crowdsourcing China-related jobs, events, stories and resources, while providing opportunities to connect and discuss China-related issues.

## BACKGROUND

Project Pengyou ("pengyou" means friend in Mandarin Chinese) was founded on the belief that young Americans with frontline experiences in China are our most crucial and valuable assets for shaping the future of US-China relations.

The United States and China hold arguably the world's most important bilateral relationship. Virtually every future global challenge from climate change to nuclear proliferation will require the United States and China to work together.

Yet currently only 1 in 1,000 students in American colleges choose to study in China. Project Pengyou is the first nonprofit initiative dedicated to building a critical mass of Americans with firsthand China experience.

## GET INVOLVED

- ✓ Sign up on [ProjectPengyou.org](http://ProjectPengyou.org) and receive weekly updates on the latest **China-related jobs and events** in your city
- ✓ Browse our listing of over 300 **US-China exchange programs** online <http://projectpengyou.org/groups/>
- ✓ Become a **Leadership Fellow** and receive transformative leadership training in US-China bridge-building <http://projectpengyou.org/leadership-fellow/>