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International Foundation Programme
Country: China

I chose to study at SCE after visiting the College and speaking to staff in the International Centre. Before coming to Edinburgh to study, I was taking a four month English course in Leicestershire. I went to a local Education Agency called Students International who can help you to find the best place for your studies. They suggested a good option would be Stevenson for their International Foundation Programme and organised a visit to the College for me. I found this to be very helpful. They also introduced me to a former SCE student from China, who highly recommended the foundation programme.

Now that I have started my course at SCE, I am enjoying it very much. I am taking the Humanities stream of subjects on the foundation programme in Politics, Sociology, Media and History. The great thing about my programme is the opportunity to discuss current affairs with lecturers and fellow students and to learn about western culture. When I finish my studies at SCE, I plan to go to university. I have applied to six different universities which means I have a great choice but my preferred option is Loughborough to study Media and Communications.

Winning the scholarship has made a great difference to my financial situation as I saved 50% on tuition fees, which means I can live more independently in Edinburgh and can concentrate more on my studies. The scholarship application process is quite straightforward, you have to write a personal statement. I think that if you do some research and be clear about what you want to do, you will have a good chance of success. Once I complete my University studies, I hope to be a journalist or a producer. In the run-up to the 2008 Beijing Olympics, English is becoming an essential tool in China. There will be a growing interaction between the English speaking world and my home country in terms of both business and diplomacy, creating enormous new opportunities for media workers with both experience and qualifications gained in the UK. I am looking forward to the great challenges in my future study - and career.