



CareerStart

A Shanghai Sunrise Student Support Program

Shanghai Sunrise

Shanghai Sunrise is a non-profit organization breaking the cycle of poverty by raising funds for educational scholarships for underprivileged and 'at-risk' young people in Shanghai.

Our mission is to equip disadvantaged students through education; help free them from poverty; go on to realize fulfilling careers, attain greater life opportunities and become positive forces within their community.

Through student sponsorship, our vision is a shared value of equality for all; a society in which every person has access to education regardless of their age, gender or economic status.

In China, education is free until Grade 9, and the final three years of school and any further education must be paid for by the student's family. Many thousands of people face the reality that they cannot afford to complete their children's education, leaving these young people with little hope for their future. In Shanghai the need for scholarships outweighs the number that we can provide and too many young people are missing out on vital education.

Since 1996, our organization has raised funds for almost 11,000 educational scholarships; but there is more work to be done.

We hope that you will join us on our journey to create a better world for these young people and their families!



Student Support

In 2017, Shanghai Sunrise launched the Student Support Program to provide a focal point for students in difficulty. Like most youths in High School or University, students in our program face typical challenges like homework, peer group pressure and the pressure to do well in school. They also have the added burden of growing up in a family with limited financial security and have usually suffered hardship.

The Student Support Program aims to address this serious need for support by providing training events to equip students with basic life-skills programs; resources to facilitate career development; stress management workshops, and referrals to appropriate helpline and medical services.

Career Development

CareerStart is Shanghai Sunrise's annual career development program for Shanghai Sunrise Students. It aims to equip students with knowledge and exposure, through various opportunities and experiences, which will help them make life changing decisions and fulfill their potential.



CareerStart 2018

This year Shanghai Sunrise is thrilled to organize a month long CareerStart program for its students in late July – mid August! As all of our students live in the outer districts of Shanghai, including Chongming Island, Pudong, Baoshan, Jinshan, Songjiang etc., where commuting to the central areas of Shanghai can take up to 3 hours one way, the school holidays are the perfect time to hold CareerStart so they are able to attend.

CareerStart Launch

To kick off this exciting campaign, we will host a CareerStart launch event at Shanghai Sunrise's office, Saturday 14th July 2018 to coincide with World Youth Skills Day.

At this event, speakers from various organizations will give attending students talks or workshops on relevant and useful career development topics. Topics may include 'Workplace Etiquette', 'The Importance of Internships', 'How to Prepare a CV', 'Interview Skills' etc. For many of our students, who are the first to complete High School or attend University in their families, these talks and workshops provide basic yet vital knowledge that enables them to realize their full potential and go on to fulfilling careers!

This year we also invite our long term corporate sponsors to participate in an 'Internship Corner', held during the event's 30-minute registration, where they have the opportunity to give out company brochures and invite attending students to apply for internships.



Discovery Series

As part of CareerStart 2018, we are launching a new '**Discovery Series**' in collaboration with different organizations and corporations who each host a small group of our students to visit their premises. The goal of these visits, or '**Discovery Expeditions**' to the organization's office, is to provide exposure and broaden horizons, so that our students may better understand working life, different career opportunities, and attend short talks or workshops by various staff in different roles/departments.

For each Program Partner participating in the Discovery Series by hosting a Discovery Expedition, we kindly request and suggest the following:

Timing:

To discuss with our office and organize the event for late July – early August. We suggest a half day in the morning/afternoon, so that students are able to travel at ease.

Program:

Tour of office premises, to different departments.

Short talks by a number of staff in different departments, to either share their career journey, or highlight their roles and the skills required.

'Upskilling' workshops, such as 'Presentation Skills', 'Evaluating Offers and Negotiating Salary', mock interviews, etc.

We request the program agenda be sent by mid-June so there is sufficient time for us to invite our students and register their attendance.

Travel:

If the premises are not near a metro station, depending on resources offer transportation for students from the district offices or the nearest metro station.

Alternatively, provide a travel allowance donation for each attending student.

Miscellaneous:

Offer light refreshments or lunch depending on timing.

We suggest providing students with a gift bag, with useful information, brochures, or company merchandise.

Corporates are welcome to offer internships.

