The U.S.-China Institute and Confucius Institute at Bryant University is proud to offer the STARTALK Chinese Language and Culture Program to middle and high school students for the summer of 2015.

Participants will have the opportunity to engage in an intensive three-week Chinese language training and cultural immersion activities on Bryant campus.

**MAJOR ACTIVITIES**
- Intensive Chinese language classes in small class environments will be taught by experienced Chinese language instructors.
- Well-designed cultural workshops and activities offered in the afternoons, including martial arts, calligraphy, folk arts, table tennis, Chinese movies, and more.
- Resourceful field trips to Marble House in Newport, RI, and Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, MA.
- Optional Taiji practices in mornings with visiting Chinese instructor.

**MAJOR FEATURES**
- Customized curriculums based on National Standards of Foreign Language Education, and STARTALK endorsed best practices of effective instruction.
- Small class setting with close interaction with instructors in multiple proficiency levels.
- Well-designed cultural workshops and field trips associated with language learning.
- Advanced classroom technology aid and multi-media supported teaching and learning.
- Opportunity to take Bryant Chinese course at discounted rate.

**STARTALK PROGRAM**
As part of the National Security Language Initiatives, STARTALK is a multi-year federally-funded project designed to expand and improve the teaching and learning of strategically important world languages which are not widely taught in the US, such as Chinese and Arabic. Bryant University has been awarded the opportunity to host the STARTALK Chinese Program for consecutive nice years since its inception in 2007. Over 420 middle school and high school students in RI and from other states across the country have learned Chinese from STARTALK at Bryant.

**PROGRAM DATES AND FEE**
**Dates:** July 13th through July 31st. (Except Saturdays and Sundays)
**Time:** 9:00am to 3:00pm. (Complimentary breakfast and lunch will be provided)
**Fee:** $80 program fee, paid upon acceptance.
APPLICATION
Applicants should complete the Application Form and submit the following materials:

i. Bryant University Waiver Form and Media Release Form. Download at http://china.bryant.edu

ii. Cover letter addressing “Why I want to learn Chinese with STARTALK” (For previous students, please add information on continuous Chinese learning activities after previous STARTALK)

iii. Latest copy for your transcript.

iv. One recommendation letter from a teacher (any subject).

All application materials should be mailed in a sealed envelope to the address below:

STARTALK PROGRAM
Ms. Kun Xie
Confucius Institute
Bryant University
1150 Douglas Pike
Smithfield, RI 02917

Do NOT include $80 program fee in the application package. It will be collected upon acceptance.

The application deadline is Sunday, May 17th. Acceptance notification will be sent out by mid-June.

The seats are limited. Acceptance priority will be given to first-time applicants and previous students who demonstrate the continuous Chinese learning.

Applications with similar background, priority will be given to earlier applicants.

VISIT HTTP://CHINA.BRYANT.EDU TO DOWNLOAD APPLICATION, OR CONTACT MS. KUN XIE AT KXIE@BRYANT.EDU FOR MORE INFORMATION.

“This year at Startalk has been really fun for me. I remember doing lots of fun things like doing kung fu in the morning, to playing ping pong in the afternoon. I loved meeting new people every day and still keep in touch with lots of them. Learning Chinese in class was fun too, we learned differently and played some games revolving around the language.”

“Over the course of the last two weeks at the Startalk 2012 program I had many great times. I enjoyed meeting new people from all over, as well as learning Mandarin... I had many good memories at Startalk, and these will stay with me.”

“After participating in the Startalk program, I have learned not only the Chinese language but also the rich culture that makes up China... Star talk is an exceptional program that has taught me the foundations of the Chinese language and I hope to come back next year and learn even more!”