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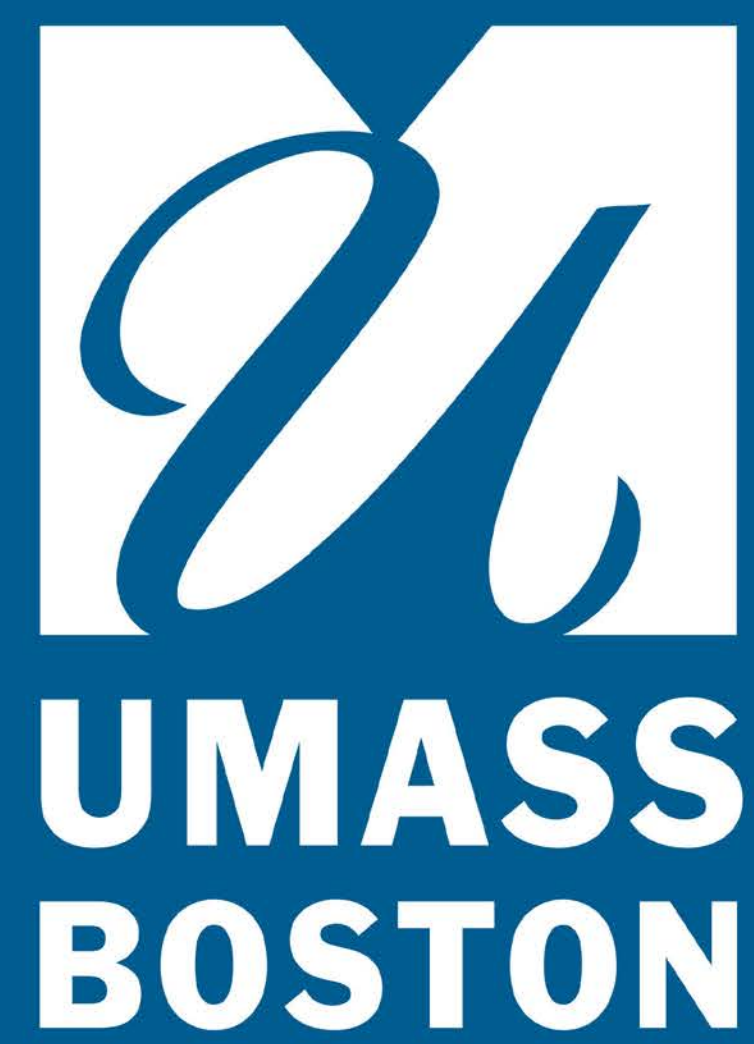
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# The Confucius Institute at UMass Boston

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## Summary

- One of the 500 Confucius Institutes in 104 countries worldwide and the only one in Massachusetts.
- Facilitates rich cultural exchanges between the U.S. and China in collaboration with our educational counterparts in Beijing, China.

## Study Abroad Programs

Thanks to a generous support of **Hanban**, the executive body of the Confucius Institute headquartered in Beijing, the Confucius Institute at UMass Boston awards scholarships to study abroad in China each summer.

The scholarships covers all expenses incurred in China including lodging, meals, and domestic transportation.

### Educational Change in China and the U.S.

- For graduate students in the College of Education and Human Development at UMass Boston
- Led by Professors Wenfan Yan and Jack Leonard
- Compares the educational systems and educational reforms in China and the U.S.
- Deepens cultural awareness through direct experience and immersion.

## Professional Development

We help teachers of Chinese to make their classroom teaching more effective. We offer programs for:

- school district administrators
- individual schools
- small groups of teachers



We offer two proficiency tests

- HSK
- New Youth Chinese Test (YCT)

## Chinese Bridge Speech Contests

We sponsor and host two highly-competitive contests each year to promote Chinese language learning and teaching in the U.S.

### The Chinese Bridge US High School Student Speech Contest

- Nine year long history
- More than 10,000 students from more than 100 schools in the U.S. competed
- More than 15 students received scholarships to go China

### The Chinese Bridge Speech Contest for University Students in New England

- Introduced in 2011
- Nearly 100 students from UMass Boston, UMass Amherst, Northeastern University, Harvard, MIT, BU, Rhode Island, and BC competed
- Winners are awarded with free trips to China and scholarship programs at universities in China



## Partnerships

### Educational Partners in Beijing:

- Renmin University of China
- The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China

### Community Partners:

- Cambridge Chinese Culture Center
- Acton Chinese School