



**The U21 Undergraduate Research Conference is the annual gathering of students from the 24 partner universities of Universitas 21, the leading global network of research universities for the 21st century ([www.universitas21.com](http://www.universitas21.com))**

It has been ten years since the first U21 Undergraduate Research Conference took place in 2005. The conference aims to attract excellent students from a diverse range of disciplines to showcase their research to the international audience of fellow students and staff in the way of oral and poster presentations. Meanwhile, the social activities and tours combined in this conference offer a platform to promote social networks among students and stimulate topical discussion.

Shanghai Jiao Tong University is glad to host the 10th edition of the U21 Undergraduate Research Conference (URC). This conference would like to invite three outstanding undergraduate students from your institution to share with us their research work relating with 'food safety' and join us in the colorful social activities and tours.

SJTU invites all U21 partner universities to nominate three of its best undergraduate students to attend the conference. We ask that each institution nominate:

- One student for an oral presentation
- One student to design and submit a poster
- One student to give either an oral presentation or design and submit a poster

Guidelines for oral and poster presentations will be posted later when the website is open.

In addition, all U21 partners are invited to send a member of their faculty or teaching staff to accompany the students and take part in the conference and the social and cultural activities as well.

### **THEME 'FOOD SAFETY: FROM FARM TO TABLE'**

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared that access to nutritionally adequate and safe food is a right of each individual; however, the emerged and emerging foodborne illnesses caused great concerns of the whole world. Various food contaminants including pathogenic microorganisms, chemical residues, environmental pollutants, and so on are threatening our

safety and health. It should be emphasized that food safety, from farm to table, is the responsibility of everyone, not only food growers, food packers and food handlers, but even consumers in their homes. Key issues for food safety range from rapid and accurate detection of various contaminants, diversity of pathogenic microorganisms on food chain, model of risk assessment in food system, efficient process control of food contamination, etc.

The Yangtze River Delta metropolitan region offers an inspiring environment for bringing together a select group of bright young students to share their ideas, knowledge and perspectives on this wide range of challenging issues. We, SJTUers, will open our warmest arms to welcome all the members from U21. Please join us and celebrate our carnival.

### **NOMINATIONS**

Attendees of this event must be nominated by their institution. Each U21 member university may nominate up to three students and one staff member (faculty or teaching staff). Each university must agree to cover travel and accommodation costs for all nominees and accompanying staff.

SJTU will provide the meeting venues, refreshments, a welcome dinner, lunches, social and cultural activities in the city of Shanghai and a tour to the old Hangzhou city.

The deadline for nominations is 15 April 2014, please send your nomination to [urc2014@sjtu.edu.cn](mailto:urc2014@sjtu.edu.cn). After this date the nominated students and staff member(s) will be invited by SJTU to register via the website.

### **PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME**

The programme includes a number of social activities for the students and staff members from Monday to Friday, including an official Welcome dinner, icebreaking session, dumpling making, Chinese Acrobatics Show and a day tour to Hangzhou city. Oral and poster presentations are scheduled to take place from the 8-10 July 2014.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

All participants will stay in the same hotel (rooms will be reserved by SJTU).

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