SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY
CHALLENGING TRADITIONAL PARADIGMS

Sun Yat-sen University was founded in 1924 by Dr Sun Yat-sen, a great democratic revolutionary leader of the twentieth century. Its medical school was established even earlier in 1866. The four campuses of Sun Yat-sen University are situated in Guangzhou and Zhuhai, China by the Pearl River and the South China Sea. It is a leading, internationally renowned comprehensive university in China, which advocates a dedication to learning, seeks to imbue people with a passion for education and adopts the mentality that "the professors are the university". It has one of the most relaxed and unconstrained intellectual atmospheres of all the universities in China.

Sun Yat-sen University is active in a wide variety of academic disciplines, including the liberal arts, social sciences, sciences, engineering and medicine. According to the Essential Science Indicators, 16 academic disciplines at Sun Yat-sen University are ranked in the top 1 per cent worldwide; this number is the third highest for universities in China.

The university boasts eight affiliated hospitals that together treat more than 10 million patients each year. This represents a sophisticated network of medical services and provides a source of abundant first-hand clinical data. The academic strength, large size and high quality of the medical school contribute to it being ranked among the top universities in the country.

Sun Yat-sen University is conveniently located close to Hong Kong and Macau, and has strongly pursued collaborations in those regions. Moreover, the university has forged long-term strategic partnerships with institutions such as the Consortium Français de Formation d’Ingénieurs en Nucléaire Civil, Carnegie Mellon University and the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. These collaborations have considerably extended the influence and enhanced the competitiveness of Sun Yat-sen University worldwide.

RESEARCH
Sun Yat-sen University enjoys excellent funding for scientific research, with annual government grants of over one billion RMB for longitudinal research for the past four years. Researchers have published thousands of high-quality articles in journals such as Nature, Science, The Lancet and Cell as well as their subsidiary journals. The university is ranked 12th in the Nature Index for China.

Achievements in academic research and consulting with government agencies have established the university’s reputation both domestically and internationally. Globally influential research includes ecological studies where it was discovered that previous extinction rate estimates were overestimates — the actual rate of species extinction is roughly 40 per cent of previous estimates. This result was published in Nature in 2011 and overturned the former consensus in the scientific community regarding the species extinction rate. Another example of the university’s groundbreaking research is the explanation of how the composition and structure of DNA in a cell affect spontaneous mutations. This research was published in Science in 2012 and provides important guidelines for understanding the genomic structure and evolution of eukaryotes. In 2014, it commissioned a supercomputer with the fastest computational speed in the world, Tianhe-2, which will provide powerful support for cutting-edge research.

Sun Yat-sen University is strong in both traditional and newly emerging disciplines, including the classic basic sciences, information technology, materials science, health sciences, humanities, business administration and social sciences, and it has developed long-term, ambitious goals for all these fields. It has also drafted ambitious institutional development strategies for establishing a platform to conduct world-class research, including both large-scale recruitment and cultivation of internationally outstanding scientists and scholars.

RECRUITMENT OF TALENTED RESEARCHERS
The recruitment of talented teachers and researchers is crucial to the development strategy of Sun Yat-sen University. The university is very inclusive when recruiting outstanding researchers from both China and overseas. The university has commenced the second phase of its 100 Top Talents Program and hopes to attract exceptional researchers by offering excellent starting conditions, salaries and benefits and a free intellectual environment as well as transparent and efficient recruiting procedures.

Sun Yat-sen University is an ideal environment for both work and life, choosing it will make your dreams come true.

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