We are now accepting online applications for the Medicine and Public Health Program in Beijing for Summer 2008.

The URL is
which will take you to the UIUC Study Abroad Web site. Click on Programs at the top right of the page and search for LAS Medicine and Public Health in Beijing.

The deadline for you to do this and commit $300 of the $5,000 Program fee is Wednesday, 13 February.

If you have questions about the program, please contact Melissa Michael at mmichae@uiuc.edu or 217.244.6238. The turn-around time on this is very short due to the fact that the Summer Olympics will be in Beijing later in the year. I’ve copied some program details below. Please feel free to share this with your friends or the groups to which you belong.

School of Molecular and Cellular Biology
Medicine and Public Health in Beijing
Summer 2008

The School of Molecular and Cellular Biology is dedicated to providing our students meaningful opportunities to live and learn in China. Our students will be the leaders and policy makers of tomorrow in the fields of medicine, research and biotechnology, and we are certain that everyone will benefit from their exposure to this historically rich and globally important country.

This program was specifically developed for students who have an interest in medicine, other health professions and public health. It is available to students during the summers of their freshman, sophomore and junior years.

Our partner for this program is Peking University. It was established in 1898 and is regarded as one of the best and most selective universities in China. The campus of Peking University is located in northwest Beijing and is known throughout China for having a beautiful campus. Faculty from Peking University Health Science Campus, a top medical school in China, will provide the instruction for the Traditional Chinese Medicine and Public Health courses.

The dates of the program are Friday, 30 May to Sunday, 29 June. Students will depart O'Hare on 30 May and arrive Beijing on 31 May. The group will depart Beijing on Sunday, 29 June and will return to O'Hare on Sunday 29 June.

There is no language requirement for the program and all classes will be taught in English.

The program fee is $5,000 US. The following items are included in the cost:
• round trip airfare from Chicago O'Hare to Beijing and return
• airport transfers between the airport in Beijing and Peking University
• lodging in student dorms at Peking University (Dorm rooms are single occupancy with private bath and internet service; food service is not included but estimated at $35 for the month if the student chooses to eat at the dorm food service center. Students may choose to eat anywhere they like.)
• Peking University Tuition for three courses (see below for details)
• transfers from Peking University to various hospitals and clinics
• UIUC resident director for the program
• student visa
• insurance
• administration and emergency fees

Classes at Peking University, Beijing

1. Survival Chinese Language (Mandarin) and Culture Course
   M-F 9-11:30 am  2.5 hrs x 5 days x 4 weeks = 50 instruction hours
   50 instruction hrs = 3 UI credit hrs

2. Short Course in Traditional Chinese Medicine
   The course focuses on the key topics in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM): theory, herbal medicine, acupuncture, moxibustion (heat therapy), and tuina (manipulative therapy). The course combines theory and practice with opportunities to better understand the TCM system of health care. A visit to pharmacies and hospitals will supplement lectures, presentations and in-class training.
   M, W 1-3 pm  2 hrs x 2 days x 4 weeks = 16 instruction hours

3. Issues in Public Health
   The course will consist of a series of lectures which will introduce students to the most common health problems in China. Examined will be the role of the government in these issues, the organization of the health care system, and concerns such as SARS, Bird Flu, HIV/AIDS, reproduction management, environmental health, etc.
   Tu, Th 1-3 pm  2 hrs x 2 days x 4 weeks = 16 instruction hours

Courses 2 and 3 above together will transfer as one UIUC course MCB 2xx for 2 credit hours.