

## Brock welcomes newest crop of international scholars

Brock welcomed 18 new international scholars to campus last week during this term's edition of the We Welcome the World reception.

The latest visiting international scholars, visiting international professors and university mentorship participants bring the current count of scholars from abroad at Brock to 29. They hail for 27 academic and research institutions from 10 countries, including Belgium, Brazil, China, Germany, Japan, Pakistan, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden and Turkey.



Brock President Jack Lightstone and Kim Meade, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President of Student Services, present an award to visiting international scholar Dawei Chen, associate professor at Henan Polytechnic University in China, and her Brock host Cheng Luo, associate professor, Department of Applied Linguistics.

Program participants stay at Brock from as little as three weeks to up to one year, working with faculty, staff and students on campus.

Gary Libben, Vice-President of Research, who helped welcome the scholars, said hosting scholars from foreign institutions helps with the internationalization of Brock, one of Brock's key strategic priorities. International collaboration is also key in today's society, he added.

"Our [international collaborations] have demonstrated that such collegiality has vastly expanded, deepened, and enriched academic discovery and learning," Libben said. "We are all on a journey together to develop and apply our expertise to make our world a better place in which to live. The 'global village' that we live in no longer has boundaries. We are all connected by our passion for research and scholarship."

Awards were also presented to visiting academics and their Brock hosts to formally recognize their participation and contribution to the program.

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