

## 2019 INTERNATIONAL ACAC EXECUTIVE BOARD APPLICATION

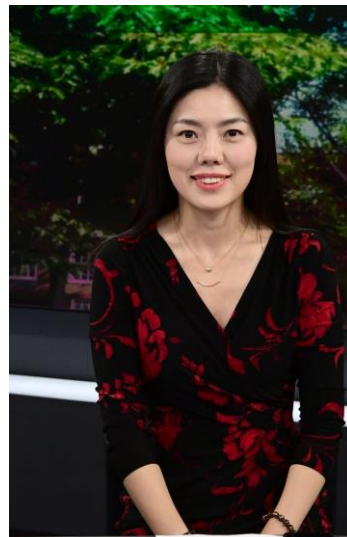
**Name:** Nan Zhang

**Title:** Head of College Counseling

**Member Type:** High School

**Institution:** Shanghai High School-International  
Division

**Location:** China



**Position for which you are applying:**  
**Delegate to the NACAC Assembly**

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### **PUBLIC BALLOT INFORMATION**

**Provide information regarding your professional roles:**

Sep. 2010 ~ now Shanghai High School International Division (Head of College Counseling, Head of High School English Department, Leading Coordinator for School AdvancED Accreditation, Subject Teacher, Faculty Advisor for students' group)

Jan. 2016 ~ now International ACAC Membership Committee

**Provide information regarding your International ACAC, NACAC, and/or other international education organizational experience.**

Member of Membership Committee since 2017 - GEM Sub-committee/ Vetting Sub-committee

2019 Conference Chats Committee

Presented twice at Int'l ACAC on topics attracting over 200 members respectively to the sessions:

2016: "A New Dilemma – Regulating the International Curricula: Why the Need?"

2017: "Bridging Understanding: Hear What Chinese Counselors Say about U.S. College Admission, the China Market and Successful Practices from the Admission Side"

Did the first Mandarin webinar for Int'l ACAC: 2016: Blowing the Whistle on the Trumpet Players (What's Hot Air, What's Not Fair) - after the Dipont Report

Faculty for 2018 International ACAC Pre-Conference

2018: College Counseling Office Set-up 101

2017 Member of Harvard Summer Institute on College Admissions

May 2018 Fitzwilliam Conference - the only Chinese counselor and received an invite for the 2019 50th conference

March 2019 invited by College Board for the 2019 Spring AP Workshop in Chengdu, China for Counselor Training

June 2018 College Board Summer Institute for Counselors at NYU

August 2018, Invited Faculty for College Board Summer Institute for International Counselors at NYU Shanghai (designed curriculum and taught 14 classes including both pre-institute and institute together with College Board Staff and colleagues from counseling and admissions)

November 2018, Attendees for CIS Forum in Vienna

March 2019, six high schools in Shanghai, i.e. Shanghai American School, Dulwich College Shanghai, YCIS, YWIES, Shanghai Star-river Bilingual School, and Shanghai High School International Division, use March 17th, 2019 to collaborate with Concordia's Annual World College Fair to host a forum. It aims to bridge the gap between high schools and colleges by having candid conversations and discussing solutions. Up till now, over 130 college representatives registered and 100 counselors from different types of high schools, especially public ones, are expected to attend the Forum.

Five years ago, I started my first college visit tour and met Jennifer Simon at Tufts University. She recommended me to join the OACAC (back then) community, and with her letter, I convinced my School Head, and led a delegation of three to attend the conference. We learnt a lot and when we got back, we recommended this conference to many other Chinese schools. Because of Shanghai High School's history and impact in the community, people tend to follow what we do. With this good cycle, not only high schools attend the conference, many colleges have also begun to attend the conference as well.

**Please provide a maximum 250-word statement of your experiences, why you wish to run for the International ACAC Board, and other relevant information you would like members to know about you.**

Nan (Frances) currently serves on the Membership Committee and will start to work at 2019 Conference Chats Committee of International ACAC. As an active attendee of International ACAC, she did some education sessions and the first Chinese webinar. She was faculty for Pre-conference and College Board Summer Institute in NYU Shanghai. She diligently attended CIS Forum, Harvard Summer Institute of College Admissions, Fitzwilliam Conference, and College Board Summer Institute, and many college fly-in tours. Hence, she could share what she learnt with the community. She began her 10<sup>th</sup> year at SHSID as College Counselor, subject teacher, faculty advisor for school Model UN team and *SHSID/Times*, the official school magazine. She led a team of 50 guidance counselors on campus to assist international students to apply to colleges worldwide. She also worked for AdvancED Accreditation Engagement Review team and Shanghai Institute for International Curriculum Research to inspect international programs in schools. Her dedicated engagement in the international community enabled her to introduce more resources to colleagues around and build a better regional collaborative network. Before her work at SHSID, she was selected to be the only Chinese intern at the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills – [GOV.UK](http://gov.uk) in London to work with British Council on funding college scholars' initiative projects in Africa and India. Sticking to the principle of "choose what you like, and like what you choose", she seeks to guide students to find the best-fit institutions and making our professional exchange environment more inclusive.