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Students to Develop Hacks for Language Learning



Leon Qu at the Great Wall while attending Princeton in Beijing, an intensive summer language program, Summer 2018.

Congratulations to Chinese Language Flagship scholars Mia Porter and Leon Qu, who will be attending the national “[Hack The Language Flagship](#)” event hosted by the [Flagship Technology Innovation Center](#), which resides in the College of Languages, Linguistics & Literature.

The Flagship Hackathon is a fast-paced event where participants seek advice from language technology experts throughout the country in order to propose technology-based solutions (or “hacks”) that could impact language learning. Porter and Qu will travel to Washington, D.C. this month to meet with other Flagship scholars, representatives of the Flagship Technology Innovation Center, and leadership from the National Security Education Program.



Mia Porter, during her internship at Tencent Holdings Limited during the Flagship Capstone Year in China, 2018-19.

Hackathon offers its students and participants, in general. “The Hackathon mimics situations that would be encountered in workplaces and real life. The ability to assess problems and find solutions quickly is best developed in collaborative environments like the hackathon.”

Porter, a Summer 2018 graduate, and Qu’s academic achievements have been acknowledged before. Porter, a triple major in Chinese/finance/international business, received the Colleges of Arts & Sciences’ *Richard and Mildred Kosaki Award* and the *Colleges of Arts & Sciences Alumni Association Academic Opportunities Award* last year. Qu, a double major in Chinese Flagship and computer science, received funding from the *Hiram L. Fong Fund in Arts & Sciences* for his upcoming spring 2019 Flagship capstone year in China.

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