Freeman to launch new master's programs with Xiamen University

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The Freeman School has signed an agreement with China’s Xiamen University to begin offering two new dual education master’s programs for Chinese students.



Ira Solomon, dean of the Freeman School, and Xiaohui Qu, dean of the Institute for Financial and Accounting Studies at Xiamen University, at January’s signing ceremony in Xiamen, China.

Beginning this year, students at the university will be able to earn a Master of Accounting or a Master of Finance degree from the Freeman School along with a graduate certificate from Xiamen’s Institute for Financial and Accounting Studies.

The agreement calls for Freeman to admit up to 30 students per year into each of the two master's programs, with the students beginning their studies in China and then completing the degree requirements during a nine-month residency at the Freeman School. The first cohort of students is scheduled to arrive from Xiamen in August 2012.

"Building a strong network of global alumni is one of our priorities," says Freeman School Dean Ira Solomon, who traveled to China in January to finalize the agreement. "This new agreement connects us with a population of outstanding students designed to be among China's next leaders in business, government and professional organizations, so we're delighted to have Xiamen University as a strategic partner."

Xiamen is widely considered to be among the top universities in China. According to University Undergraduates Teaching Assessment and Chinese Universities Evaluation Standings, Xiamen is ranked 11th in China, and a recent study by Brigham Young University ranked Xiamen No. 1 in China for accounting research.

"This will be a great program for Tulane University," adds Solomon. "I'm looking forward to working closely with the administration and faculty at Xiamen and the Institute for Financial and Accounting Studies to develop additional opportunities for partnership and collaboration."