



TRUSTEE PROFILE

Joshua Gu

Born in Shanghai, China, Joshua Gu immigrated to Canada with his American father and Chinese mother at the age of two. Dr. Gu has been a Vancouverite for the past 55 years. Under his parents instruction, he went back to study Chinese in Shanghai where he completed his undergraduate double-major degree program in 1983. Ever since graduating with a master's degree in Economics from Simon Fraser University (SFU) in 1989, he made trips to Asia to continue his graduate research in Sustainability Studies in Under-developed Economy in the Asia Pacific Division of the ITT Sheraton Hotel System. This eventually became his focus area for his doctoral degree in Canada, which he received in 1996.

Dr. Gu has a college teaching history of more than 32 years. He became involved in International Education when he was invited by the Ministry of Education under the Chinese State Council to be its senior counselor in 1999. Between 1999 and 2015 while continuing teaching in Canada as one of the pioneering members from the West, he travelled across the Ocean more than 100 times to help China build the foundation of its modern international education system. In Canada in 1995 Dr. Gu also co-founded the North American International Education Centre (NIEC), the first Canadian international education counseling system for the first-generation self-support international students from all over the world. He has remained an honorary senior counselor for multi-provincial education commissions in China. He has also been an education advisor and trainer for the Canadian Embassy and consul generals in China.

In February 2016, Dr. Gu was elected the Vice President of the Board of Trustees for North Cedar Academy (NCA).

