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**Graduation Year:** Junior

**College:** Arts & Letters

**Major(s):** Political Science

**Minors(s):** Portuguese and Brazilian Studies

**Scholar Group Membership:** Sorin Scholars, Greater China Scholars, Kellogg International Scholars Program

**Did you received other funding for this project?:** No

**Could you have completed this project without CUSE funding?** No

**More details on CUSE funding assistance?**

**Project Title:** Changing Dynamics: China-Latin American Relations

**Project Location:** Beijing, China

**ND Faculty Mentor:** Victoria Hui

**Project Type:** Research

**Why did you undertake this project/experience?** Deepen your knowledge of a topic or issue, Research/experience necessary for senior thesis or capstone project

**Did your funded experience help you:**

**[Deepen your understanding of your coursework or field of study]:** Yes

**[Discern your interests and post-bac goals]:** Yes

**[Become confident in your ability to set and achieve your goals]:** Yes

**[Gain a more nuanced view of local, national, or global communities]:** Yes

**[Improve your written and verbal communications skills]:** Yes

**Tell us about your experience.**

My research explores the developing role of China in Latin America by understanding the long-term motives of China. Does China seek to replace the role of the United States in Latin America, or to establish diplomatic relations with Latin American countries that currently do not recognize "One China?" Or perhaps China merely seeks to gain reliable access to natural resources in the region. Though there are few researchers who focus on China-Latin America relations, my research enabled me to access a unique body of scholarly literature that is pivotal to my understanding of the topic. Through my research, I was able to refine my senior thesis to the topic of Brazil-China relations. Furthermore, I am able to use my research as a foundation for further exploration of the topic.

**Describe the impact this project had, both on you as a student-scholar and on the people you worked with.**

This project pushed me to develop independent research skills; to develop my understanding of international topics, and to challenge my abilities as a student-scholar. There are few universities in the world that so willingly encourage research at an undergraduate level, and

