



Chinese Student X Visa and Residence Permit Application Instructions

Please check with the Chinese consulate in your region for the most updated China visa requirements and processes. The information listed below is only a guide provided by CIEE and does not constitute legal advice.

Please read the following carefully:

1. All students **must** obtain a Chinese Student X Visa to enter China.
2. To apply for a Chinese Student X Visa, students must first acquire a **JW202 form and an ECNU admission notice**. With these documents the student must then go to the local Chinese consulate to apply for their student visa. Application must be submitted to the Visa Office of Chinese Embassy/ Consulate General based on applicant's state of residence. Alternatively, you may contact a travel agency in your area that can hand deliver your application. (The consulate offices DO NOT accept visa applications by mail.) For faster service, enclose a self-stamped envelope with your application.
3. To apply for the JW202 form and ECNU admission notice, students have to complete and upload the following documents to their N.U.in Portal **by the end of May**:
 - a) **Passport:** Need a photocopy of the picture ID page of the passport;
The passport will remain valid for at least 6 months after the day the visa application is submitted.
Need a blank page in the passport for stamping of the visa.
 - b) **1 Passport photo**
 - c) **ECNU application form**

*It takes approximately two or three weeks for ECNU, the host university, to get the JW202 released by the government. Students will receive their JW202 form and ECNU admission notice from CIEE **by early July**.
4. It is your responsibility to check with your local Chinese Consulate/Embassy or TRAVISA office (depending on where you plan to apply) to verify the application process as the Chinese Government reserves the right to change the application process and requirements at any time. Please note: Currently, if you apply and receive a Chinese Student X Visa, you need to register for a Temporary Residence Permit at a local Exit/Entrance Administration Office of the Public Security Bureau within 30 days of entry into China. The standard processing time for a Temporary Resident Permit in Shanghai is 7 business days.

A Temporary Residence Permit will allow multiple entries into China and an extension of your visa for the duration of the CIEE program. Please note that you will be solely responsible for the temporary resident permit application and its associated fees and expenses. A medical exam (lab work, x-ray, and ultrasound) from local authorized clinics may be required. Such physical exam and temporary resident permit interview will be scheduled by CIEE Shanghai Center. More detailed information relating to residence permit application will be given on site. Students can check the online service for first time applicants for required documentation.

http://crj.police.sh.cn/jx_apply_sc_en.jsp?qzzl=r

5. Do not make any final travel plans before the program as this may interfere with your visa processing and/or you may not have your visa in time.



6. If you already have travel plans before the program starts, you are responsible for determining where and how to apply for your visa. It is NOT possible to expedite your visa documents from the Chinese Government and host institution.
7. The Chinese Student X Visa and Residence Permit Application Instructions document is geared towards U.S. passport holders applying for a visa while in the U.S.
8. If you do not hold a US passport, it is your responsibility to contact the TRAVISA office or the Chinese Consulate/Embassy where you reside to obtain information about the visa application, fees, the processing time and the required documents. Currently, you will also need to produce proof of residency in the U.S. or proof of valid immigration status to stay in the U.S.
9. If you are planning to apply for your visa outside of the U.S., it is your responsibility to contact the Chinese Consulate/Embassy where you plan to apply to verify their application process, including the processing time.
10. CIEE is not a VISA issuing authority and we cannot guarantee the number of days or the number of entries you will receive on your visa. This is entirely up to the Chinese Consulate authority.
11. **MOST IMPORTANTLY: DO NOT overstay your visa. The penalty accrues daily.** Consult with CIEE immediately if you notice your visa will not cover the duration of the program (please see the VISA AND IMMIGRATION INFO document for information on how to read your visa).

Countries with No Diplomatic Relations to China

The following are instructions for students who come from countries that have no diplomatic relations with China. Students are required to submit additional documents that are noted below. These additional documents must be sent to CIEE by the application deadline. The Education Bureau will take at least 2 months to review the documents. Failure to send these additional documents might result in a delayed receipt of admission notice, which is required for the student visa application. Please note that there is no guarantee that the Education Bureau will issue adequate documentation needed for your visa application. It is important that you contact your CIEE Advisor to discuss further and notify your U.S. Institutional advisor to discuss backup plans.

- The following is a list of countries for which we will automatically require additional documentation upon application to CIEE. There are constant changes to this, but these are countries that do not currently have diplomatic relations with China. If you do not hold a U.S. Passport it is your responsibility to contact your local Chinese Embassy or Consulate to see if your home country falls into this category.
- **Countries that do not have diplomatic relations with China:**

Belize 伯利兹
Bhutan 不丹
Burkina Faso 布基纳法索
Dominican Republic 多米尼加
Guatemala 危地马拉
Haiti 海地
Honduras 洪都拉斯
Kiribati 基里巴斯
Marshall Is. 马绍尔群岛
Nauru 瑙鲁

Nicaragua 尼加拉瓜
Panama 巴拿马
Palau 帕劳共和国
Paraguay 巴拉圭
Saint Lucia 圣卢西亚
Saint Vincent & The Grenadines 圣文森特和格林纳丁斯
El Salvador 萨尔瓦多
Sao Tome and Principe 圣多美和普林西比

Solomon Is. 所罗门群岛
St Kitts and Nevis 圣基茨和尼维斯
Swaziland 斯威士兰
Tuvalu 图瓦卢



- **Additional Documentation Required:** If your country does not have diplomatic relations with China you need to supply the following documents along with your CIEE application. These documents should be mailed to CIEE Study Abroad/300 Fore Street/Portland, ME 04101:
1. **Official Certificate of Enrollment** – needs to be mailed in (this can usually can be obtained from student's Office of the Registrar)
 2. **Official Diploma** - If you want this back please just send a color copy (if university student, then high school diploma)
 3. **Official Transcript** – needs to be mailed in
 4. **CIEE Proof of Participation** (we will provide this document)
 5. **Copies of I-20 and F-1 student visa, if applicable**
- If unable to obtain or send originals immediately, scans of the official version or unofficial versions will serve as placeholders until the originals arrive.
- Please note that students holding the following passports cannot change their visa after entering China. For students from these countries, please contact your local Chinese Consulate for additional information.
- Afghan 阿富汗
 - Pakistan 巴基斯坦
 - Iran 伊朗
 - Iraq 伊拉克
 - Sri Lanka 斯里兰卡
 - Nigeria 尼日利亚

Please note: Students are responsible for obtaining a valid visa or entry documents if applicable prior to the program start date. If they cannot obtain a valid visa or entry documents if applicable in time, then please refer to the N.U.in Withdrawal Policy and contact the N.U.in office to discuss next steps.

