



Exchange Programs Information & Application Packet 2017-2018

The China Center offers two exchange programs for eligible University of Minnesota students. Students may apply for one or both programs with one application. To see specific eligibility requirements for each exchange program go to the China Center website at chinacenter.umn.edu.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP EXCHANGE

The University of Minnesota China Center, in cooperation with the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Chicago, is pleased to offer a full academic-year scholarship to a University of Minnesota undergraduate or graduate student for study at a university in mainland China. The scholarship will cover tuition, room and board, and will pay a monthly stipend to cover books and incidental expenses. Application deadline: December 30, 2016.

CHINESE UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE PROGRAM - PEKING UNIVERSITY

The Chinese Universities Exchange Program (CUEP) is an exchange program between the University of Minnesota and Peking University in Beijing. Participants enroll in the Chinese language program for foreign students. The program cost is based on University of Minnesota resident tuition and student services fees. The scholarship will cover on-campus dormitory housing and a monthly stipend will be provided by Peking University. The program is available for the 2015-16 academic year or fall 2015. Preference is given to academic year applicants.

Application deadline: March 1, 2017.

HOW TO APPLY

Students should submit a completed application form and supporting materials to the China Center Office. Application will be reviewed by a committee. Scholarship recipients will be notified of scholarship awards by e-mail approximately three weeks after the application deadline.

The China Center highly recommends that applicants complete a "First Step" meeting through the Learning Abroad Center prior to submitting application materials. These meetings cover topics such as financial aid, credit transfer, health insurance, place holder credit (if applicable), and other important information you should know as you prepare to study abroad. If you have questions about the academic year programs or the application process, please contact the China Center at (612) 624-1002 or chinactr@umn.edu.

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please provide all information requested. Materials must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on the deadline date. They may be mailed or personally delivered to the China Center at 160 University International Center, 331 - 17th Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. Applications are not accepted via fax or e-mail.

- Application form
- Faculty recommendation forms (2)
- Study plan (see below)
- Personal statement (see below)
- Current official transcript

STUDY PLAN

Include a 3-page (maximum), double-spaced essay with 1 inch margins and 12 pt font. On each page type your name and student ID number in the header, on one line, in the upper right-hand corner; and include page numbers in the footer in the bottom right-hand corner. Your essay must answer the following questions. Be as specific as possible.

1. Explain in detail your study plan in China.
2. Describe an international or multicultural experience(s) you have had and explain how it has helped prepare you for your immersion into Chinese Culture.
3. How will your experience in China help you accomplish your academic, personal, and/or career goals?

Study plans that do not follow formatting or length requirements will not be accepted.

PERSONAL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The review committee will use this portion of the application to gain an understanding of your interest in Chinese people, culture, and affairs through your desire to study abroad there. The content and format of this essay is up to you but should not exceed three pages. We recommend writing about how your goals and aspirations during your time in China will set you apart from other candidates applying for these exchange program opportunities.

The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

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EXCHANGE PROGRAM INFORMATION

You may use one application to apply for one or both of the exchange programs.

Applying For:

____ Chinese Government Scholarship Exchange

____ Chinese University Exchange Program (CUEP) at Peking University

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name (As It Appears on Passport) _____ I don't currently have a passport

University I.D. # _____ Phone Number _____

UMN E-mail _____ Secondary E-mail _____

Birth date _____ Current Age _____ Country of Citizenship _____

Student Status: Undergraduate Graduate

What year are you (e.g., sophomore, 1st year of M.A. program)? _____

Major/field of study _____

UMN Campus Attending: Crookston Duluth Morris Rochester Twin Cities

How many semesters of college-level Chinese language instruction have you had?
(Before your actual study abroad in China)

- One semester (minimum for CUEP)
- Two semesters
- Three semesters
- Four semesters (minimum for Chinese government scholarship)
- Five semesters
- Six semesters
- Other _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Phone Number _____ Secondary Phone Number _____

Address _____