



## The CIUC Culture Camp in China, 2024

The CIUC Culture Camp in China is an annual project sponsored by the Centre for Language Education and Cooperation (CLEC) and organised by the Confucius Institute at the University of Canterbury. The goal of the camp is to improve the participants' understanding of Chinese culture and their Chinese language proficiency and skills.

**Dates:** Saturday, 13 April 2024 – Friday, 26 April 2024

**Province or City to Visit:** Students will visit Wuhan-Beijing in China.

**Activities:** All planning and logistics are handled by the Confucius Institute at the University of Canterbury (CIUC) and Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST), allowing for a fun and easy trip. The programme will include Chinese language classes, cultural workshops, and trips around the local areas. Students will have the chance to interact with Chinese high school students and their families and get a glimpse into everyday Chinese life.

**Expectations:** All students will participate fully in the programme and submit a report reflecting their experiences, within a fortnight of their return from China.

**Programme Costs:** All in-China expenses, including accommodation, tuition, domestic transportation, sightseeing activities and meals will be covered by Huazhong University of Science and Technology.

Students are required to purchase a return international airline ticket (and connecting domestic travel if required), international travel insurance and an entry visa. A \$250.00 application fee is also required which will contribute towards the cost of administration and accompanying adults. The application fee will be refunded if the application is unsuccessful.

The Confucius Institute at the University of Canterbury will organise group flights. In previous years, the Confucius Institute has also assisted with visa applications, however, the process for visa applications has now changed and applications are to be lodged electronically. Please refer to the information regarding visa applications below.

**Camp Application Eligibility:** This programme is open to Year 10 - 13 students (who are aged 15 at the time of the trip), who are New Zealand citizens and non-native speakers of Mandarin. Students must be currently studying Chinese at a New Zealand high school (for at least 30 hours) and have participated in the Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK level 2 or YCT 3) and have also had no previous study experience in China.



To apply for the programme, students are to complete and submit the application form including all supporting materials and the \$250 application fee.

The Confucius Institute at the University of Canterbury and HUST will make the final decision on student selection and will notify all students of the results of the application process.

Accompanying adults (assigned schoolteachers) will escort the group to and from China and will remain with them throughout the duration of the programme.

### **Application Check List:**

- ❖ Completed and signed application form.
- ❖ Short essay on the reasons for participating in the Summer Cultural Camp including any previous learning experiences on Chinese culture, language or perspectives (maximum 250 words).
- ❖ \$250.00 application fee. The school needs to collect the application fees from all participating students and then make ONE PAYMENT to the Confucius Institute. Cheques should be made out to the University of Canterbury. The application fee will only be refunded if the application is unsuccessful.
- ❖ A photocopy of the information page of your passport (Your passport needs to have at least 6 months before the expiry date on your arrival in China).
- ❖ An HSK 2 /YCT3 examination result.

**All materials must be submitted to the Confucius Institute at the University of Canterbury by 5pm Friday, 3rd November 2023.**

**Applications can be submitted by email (subject line “Chinese Cultural Camp 2024”) to:**

CIUC Project Coordinator Jodie-Anne Martin at: [jodie.martin@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:jodie.martin@canterbury.ac.nz) Or by Mail to the address below

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### Information for China visa applications:

**Visa Application:** Visa applications can be made through the following website: [consular.mfa.gov.cn/VISA/](http://consular.mfa.gov.cn/VISA/)

- ❖ Begin by reading through the Guidance tab on the page and following the instructions.
- ❖ 2 x photographs are required; these can be obtained from Divinegon Tech located in Church Corner. They can also email you a digital copy which you will need for the online application form.
- ❖ You may apply 1 month before your planned travel date, no earlier than 3 months. The application process may take longer on some occasions.
- ❖ Please fill in the application carefully. Mistakes in information can hold up the application process and result in rejected applications. It is important all information in the application matches the information on your passport.