



STUDY IN CHINA 2018 EASTER CAMP FOR IRELAND March 22 – April 4 2018

APPLICATION FORM (PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS)

LAST NAME (FAMILY NAME)
FIRST NAME
DATE OF BIRTH
NATIONALITY PASSPORT NO:
PASSPORT VALID UNTIL:(valid to 31st October 2018 onwards).
HOME ADDRESS
HOME TELEPHONE:
PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' MOBILE:
STUDENT'S E-MAIL:(Print in Block letters)
PARENTS'/GUARDIAN'S E-MAIL:
Current School or College
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION I HAVE GIVEN IN THIS FORM IS TRUE.
SIGNATURE

Student

Parent/Guardian.....

DATE.....

Please submit the completed application form with a photocopy of your Passport, Letter of Reference from your school on school headed paper signed by the <u>Principal/Deputy Principal</u>, Parent Permission and declaration Letter, Medical form, Signed Code of Behavior documents and completed Visa application form by post before Friday 24th November, 2017 to:

Dr. Xiaohong Xu Co-Director of UCC Confucius Institute 3.35 O'Rahilly Building University College Cork,

Tel: 021-4205153 Email: xu.xiaohong@ucc.ie









Study in China

2018 Easter Camp Program for Ireland

The Study in China 2018 Easter Camp Program is a two-week program in Shanghai. It is jointly organised by UCC Confucius Institute, Irish Institute of Chinese Studies (UCC) and Shanghai University and sponsored by the Headquarters of Confucius Institute (Hanban). It provides an opportunity for non-Chinese students in Irish second level schools (mainly Transition Year students) to visit China and to learn its language and culture.

Application Requirements

The programme is open to TY students who have studied Chinese Language and Culture at Irish secondary schools in Ireland.

Applicants should meet the following requirements:

- (1) Non-Chinese nationality
- Show a great interest in Chinese culture and language and have been/will be studying Chinese for more than 12 weeks in schools until the middle of March 2018.
- (3) As a Transition Year Student studying Chinese Culture & Language, and preferably has taken/will take part in the YCT Test and Chinese Bridge Competition at UCC in March 2018.
- (4) Enthusiastic, sociable and well suited to the group activities of the programme.
- (5) Participates with the permission of the students' parents/guardians.
- (6) Recommended by their school Principal, Transition Year coordinator and Chinese teacher.

Programme

- (1) Duration: 22 March 4 April 2018
- Number of participants: 100 funded places (one place for each school, But each school can provide no more than 5 applications with ranked 1 to 5. A waiting list will be created until further places become available)

(3) Classroom study programme:

(a) Chinese Language (Mandarin), Calligraphy, Martial Arts, Chinese Cultural and History, Chinese songs, aspects of China from both traditional and modern perspectives through courses, lectures, visits and learning hands-on experiences

- (b) Shanghai City Sightseeing, Field trips to Suzhou and Hangzhou city
- (c) Discussion groups with young Chinese students in SHU or other schools
- (4) Accommodation: Students will stay in the dormitory accommodation on the campus of Shanghai University, mainly twin-room suites with shared bathroom.

The cost of the programme in China will be covered by UCC Confucius Institute and Shanghai University including accommodation, food (RMB 300 in cash), and fees for camp courses and trips. Participants will be responsible for the cost of their visa, international flights, travel/medical/accidental insurance and any other costs not related to the official programme of the Easter Camp.

- (5) Participants should purchase their own designated flight tickets recommended by UCC Confucius Institute <u>after your application is accepted and confirmed in email</u> <u>or writing</u> by UCC Confucius Institute. The UCC Confucius Institute will not be responsible for the booking of air tickets for anyone unless a group booking is done by UCC Confucius Institute. If participants have booked the wrong air tickets, or miss their flights, UCC Confucius Institute will not provide any financial support for rebooking or change of flights in China or in Ireland. The Confirmation of a place on the Study Course will contain the date, flight number and time of flights to be booked. UCC CI staff will accompany students on the designated flights ex-Cork.
- (6) The UCC Confucius Institute will organise the visa application process for all students in the beginning of February, it will take about 5 working days to process in the Chinese Embassy in Dublin, so all participants' passports must be submitted to UCC Confucius Institute from January 9 to January 20, 2018 via your Chinese teachers or via registered mail, the visa application form must be submitted with other documents when applying for the programme, otherwise you will have to apply for the visa on your own in Dublin.

Visa application documents including:

Your actual/original passport (valid to October 31, 2018 onwards), Completed Visa application form with 1 actual passport size photo attached, €80 euro visa fee and standard group travel insurance (getcover.ie) in cash only,

(7) An orientation meeting for successful applicants will take place on Feb 23, 2018 in UCC, with further email notice confirmation. <u>All participants and a parent/guardian</u> <u>must attend</u>. Passports and visas will be returned to applicants on that day, otherwise it will be returned to you by registered mail or by your Chinese teachers. All contact with successful applicants will be by email. A student email is not sufficient. The email of a Parent/Guardian is mandatory.

Application Procedure and Deadline

Application Deadline: Friday 24th November at 4.00pm

Applicants must complete the application forms and send them with a copy of their passport, the School Reference letter on school headed paper, Parental Permission and Declaration Form, Medical form and Code of Behavior documents, visa application form by post to following address before the deadline. Applications **will not** be accepted after the deadline date.

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Important Information for the Easter Camp

Introduction to Shanghai University:

Shanghai University is one of the top universities in China. It is located in the northwestern part of Shanghai; China's economic, financial, trade and transportation center. It has beautiful campuses, well-equipped facilities, and a first-rate faculty, providing excellent study conditions and a pleasant living environment for students.

Shanghai University's main campus is in the Baoshan District. There are also two branch campuses, Yanchang campus and Jiading campus. For more information, you can click: http://www.shu.edu.cn for an English version.

The College of International Exchange at Shanghai University is located in the Yanchang campus, which is closer to the city center. In 2017 nearly 5000 international students from more than 100 countries studied in this university. For more information, you can click: http://www.cie.shu.edu.cn/cie.htmlfor the English version

1. **Dormitory:** You'll be living in the International students hall in the Yanchang campus, each apartment consists of 3 double rooms and there is a shared bathroom, fridge and microwave. There is a laundry on the ground floor equipped with washing machines and tumble dryers.

Address: College of International Exchange Shanghai University, 149 Yanchang road, Zhabei, Shanghai, China.

What you need to bring with you;

- (1) Articles for daily use such as towel, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, tissues, etc., although these can all be bought in stores near the campus.
- (2) Study materials such as notebooks, paper, pen, etc., laptop is not necessary.
- (3) Power plug adapter/universal adapter, can be bought in the airport or in Shanghai.
- (4) **<u>Unlocked</u>** Mobile Phone (No Irish contract binding, local SIM card will be used on arrival) with charger.
- 2. Pocket money: We suggest 300 euro in cash at most unless you plan to buy some gifts from China and you shall bring more with you. You can exchange euro for RMB cash in Irish and Chinese banks (at least 2 weeks advance notice for local Irish banks required). The exchange rate at the time of writing is: 1 euro = 7.8 RMB (yuan). Bank card work in China but daily withdrawal amounts may be limited and there is surcharge for each cash withdrawal, certainly you shall notify the Irish Banks before traveling so they know you will use your cards in China.
- 3. Phone Contact; There is a landline in each room and we suggest students tell parents the telephone number (normally 8 digits if you dial from Ireland, plus prefix of 008621) upon arrival. SHU will help each student to get a local SIM card, which the group leader can use to communicate with students. Each student must bring at least one mobile phone to China, the mobile phone must be <u>unlocked</u> so as to be able to work with the local SIM card.
- 4. Transport in Shanghai: There is a good subway network in Shanghai, it costs 4 to 9 yuan per journey; taxis are also available and the initial price for the first3km is 14 yuan, and 2 yuan per km after. It is not recommended that students use the public buses as they are not convenient for visitors. <u>Students must not leave the campus unless accompanied</u> by a designated group leader. There must be a minimum of two students with the group leader. Students must wear their ID at all times and particularly when they leave the campus.
- 5. **The weather** in Shanghai: The average temperature in March/April is 18°C but it can get quite cold too, so bring warm clothes with you. Please bringan umbrella or raincoat with you, as it rains a lot at this time of the year (but not as much as Cork)! Generally speaking the temperature in Shanghai in March/April is similar to Cork and Galway.
- 6. In case of special needs, you must let us know in advance. Please bring your own medicine and consult with your GP.

1. Safety: Generally speaking, it is safe in Shanghai and people are friendly to foreigners. <u>Students are not allowed to leave the campus after 8:30pm and they must return to their own room before 10pm</u>, our supervisors (Chinese/Irish teachers) will check all the rooms each night to ensure everyone is in his/her own room, <u>failure to obey this rule will result in sanctions being applied</u>, including non-participation in field trips and other events, confinement to one's room and a report to parents and school Principals. Repeat offenders will find their participation in the study visit terminated. <u>Students purchasing or consuming alcohol will be returned to Ireland immediately</u>. You are not allowed to enter any Karaoke rooms or other such entertainment places where alcohol is available and which are only for adults in China. For the first few days even if you cannot sleep very well, please you must not wander in the dorm corridors and disturb the other students in the dorm building. One way to solve the jet leg problem is to sleep after 11pm and get up early at 6am in the morning by setting an alarm clock, then jogging or running in the track and fields on campus for a few days. Inside the dorm building, there are other international students, most of whom are adults, you are not allowed to socialize with them at any time, especially if they invite you to night clubs or bars.

Road safety: Never cross the streets when the pedestrian light is red, in Shanghai the roads are much wider than in Ireland with at least 3 or 4 lanes in either direction, it is quite dangerous for you cross the streets without obeying the traffic light. Most of the traffic lights display count-down numbers on the red or green lights so you can see how many seconds you will have to wait to cross the street. In China cars can still turn right at a junction even when the traffic light is red, so be careful if you are crossing the street even with a green pedestrian light.

- 7. Personal Belongings; Always keep an eye on your bags and never leave them behind when you are shopping and walking in a crowd. Never go out unsupervised. Hand in your passport to your supervisors for safe keeping when you arrive in Shanghai. Each supervisor will take care of 10 students as a group. Upon check in to the SHU dormitory, your passports will be kept at the reception desk for safety reasons until you are leaving China, it is safe to keep your cash in the dorm room, but we recommend you bring with you a small padlock to keep your valuables in your bag as there is no safe box or locker in your rooms. You will pay a RMB 100 damage deposit for your room. It is vital that you thoroughly check your room on arrival and report any missing or damaged items to reception on your arrival. Keep your room key safe as loss of the key, damaged or missing items, could mean you lose your deposit.
- 8. Insurance: UCCCI will help students prepare travel/health/accident insurance that will cover the duration of the period abroad. If any student needs to go to hospital, one of our group supervisors will accompany the student and all reasonable attempts will be made to contact parents for permission to administer medication and treatment, the student will be required to first pay for their treatment and then seek reimbursement in Ireland using the receipts from the hospital. If a health policy provides cover then the student should bring the appropriate documentation and contact numbers with them.
- 9. Food and drink: Do take advantage of China's wonderful food culture and try out new dishes. In China you should only drink boiled or bottled water and you must not drink directly from the tap. Do not use tap water to brush your teeth or allow water into your mouth when showering. Do not use ice cubes unless you can be confident they are made from purified water. Do not buy the street food lest you get diarrhea. Regularly wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before eating. If you are allergic to certain foods you must inform our Chinese teachers/group leader prior to departure.
- 10. **Photos:** UCCCI will take the group photo/video and use them for future promotion of the study programme, if you are not comfortable with the taking of photos/video during the camp, please let us know in writing prior to departure.
- 11. **Code of conduct:** Remember you are ambassadors for your schools, your country and your families. You are expected to follow the regulations and the Code of Conduct of Shanghai University and the Code of Conduct signed by you when applying to participate on the trip. Failure to do so will result in serious sanctions, including immediate return to Ireland. Your behavior will also affect your fellow students in your school applying for places on future programmes and visits to China. You must respect your Chinese hosts, their culture and yourself.
- 12. **Punctuality:** It is important that all students must be punctual for class or activities, It is expected that students will participate fully in all classroom activities and show respect to staff and teachers in Shanghai University, attendance at all classes and events will be recorded by your teachers.
- 13. Money exchange in Shanghai: To avoid you queuing in the bank, your supervisor will collect and note the amount of

euro cash you wish to exchange. They will then go to the bank to exchange for you and you will receive the RMB cash from your group supervisor, certainly we will show you the exchange rate receipt from bank if you need.

- 14. **Neighboring residents**: the dorm building is close to neighboring residents buildings, please do not disturb the local people in the neighboring building, especially during the night with noise, loud music, the laser pens, torches or other such devices. The neighbors do report this behavior to the police who would then visit the dorms to interview the culprits. You are then sent to the local police for investigation which means you are not allowed to leave China for at least two weeks. Costs arising from any misbehavior will be borne by parent/guardians.
- 15. **CCTV**: CCTV is widely used in China for security reasons. It is used in the dorm public areas, campus grounds and all public places. The supervisors will regularly check the campus and dorm CCTV to make sure there is no student violating any night curfew rules. All shops in Shanghai, as in Ireland, have CCTV for security reasons, any student buying alcohol or tobacco will be recorded and monitored for further investigation by the local police.
- 16. **Restricted articles in your baggage** for check-in at the airport in Cork and in Shanghai: please find more info at http://www.klm.com/travel/gb_en/prepare_for_travel/baggage/baggage_allowance/restricted_baggage.htm
- 17. **Disclaimer;** UCCCI, as the organizer of the trip does not accept any responsibility for material loss or damage or any personal injury while you are participating on the trip. Neither are they responsible for any missed flights or failure to access flights arising from the actions of individuals or the failure of individuals to abide by regulations set by airlines, airport security and UCC CI. It is the responsibility of each student and their family to ensure that they maintain contact with UCC Confucius Institute in good time before the departure date so they and are familiar with all travel arrangements, requirements and regulations that apply to travelling to and from Shanghai, China.

Visa Application form filling in guide

- 1.10 choose "Ordinary"
- 1.15 choose "student"
- 1.16 choose "other", fill in "TY student"
- 2.1 choose "other", fill in "2017 Easter Camp Program in Shanghai University"
- 2.2 choose "one entry valid...."
- 2.4 2018-03-22
- 2.5 14 days
- 2.6 Mar 22 to April 4 in Shanghai University,149 Yanchang Rd., College of International Exchange, Shanghai, 200072
- 2.7 College of International Exchange, Shanghai University
- 2.8 Name: Shanghai University
 Address: 149 Yanchang Rd., College of International Exchange, Shanghai, 200072
 Tel: 021-56331820
 Relationship: Partner of UCCCI

Part 4: Signature by Parents or Guardian of students

PS. A recent photo must be pasted on the 1st page of the form.

Some words and phrases for you to practice before your departure to Shanghai:

nǐ h**ǎ**o 你好! Hello!

xiè xiè 谢谢! Thank you.

duì bù qǐ 对不起! Sorry.

qǐng wèn cè suǒ zài nǎér 请问厕所在哪儿? Where is the toilet, please?

w**ǒ** yào qù yán cháng lù shang hǎi dà xué 我要去延长路上海大学。 I want to go to Shanghai University on Yanchang road.

du**ō** sh**ǎ**o qi**á**n 多少钱? How much?

qǐng wèn qù z**ě**n me z**ǒ**u 请问去 XXX 怎么走? Excuse me, how can I get to XXX?

Web: http://www.ucc.ie/en/asian/Confucius/

MEDICAL HISTORY

(Please print in block letters)

Student name:	Student home phone:

Current Doctor Name:_____Phone:_____

CURRENT MEDICATIONS

name	Dose	frequency	starting	ending	physician	purpose

RECENT SURGICAL PROCEDURES

date	Procedure	physician	hospital	Current Situation

RECENT MAJOR ILLNESSES

illness	start	end	physician	Current Situation

FOOD ALLERGY or SPECIAL NEEDS

Nuts and sesame allergy	Yes	No
Gluten allergy	Yes	No
Vegetarian	Yes	No
Others (please specify)		

The student's doctor has been consulted in relation to this Easter Camp programme and has certified our son/daughter is fit to travel.

Signed:_____Parent/Guardian

Date:

Code of Behaviour for Easter Camp Programme

School rules apply in respect of general behaviour, students must respect staff/supervisors who will be in the role of Teachers/Parents for the duration of the tour. Students and their Parents/Guardians will agree to accept the authority of the staff/supervisors in all aspects of the implementation of the Code of Behaviour. Having read and signed the Code of Behaviour and associated study visit documents means that you accept these rules and conditions and the consequences for any breach of the Code of Behaviour.

Additional Study Camp Rules

- Students will socialise only in the agreed common areas. Boys/Girls dorms are out of bounds to the opposite sex.
- 2. Students will attend all camp classes and activities and be on time for such events.
- 3. Students will not leave the campus unless accompanied by a group leader or other designated adult.
- 4. Students will comply with all requirements set out in the study visit documentation.
- 5. The Safety of all students is paramount. All students are under the legal age for the purchase and consumption of alcohol in Ireland and China. Any consumption of alcohol or the taking of illegal substances will be regarded as a very serious breach of the Code. Students will face serious sanctions including them being removed from the study camp and being returned home. In this event any costs associated with the return of the student and an accompanying adult back to their home, is to be paid for by the student's parents/guardians. In the interest of fairness a student who appears to have taken an intoxicating substance, yet denies same, may be asked to submit themselves to a breath test carried out by a senior member of staff or the Police. Failure to comply with such a request will be taken as an admission to consuming alcohol.
- 6. It is vitally important that Students taking prescribed drugs or medication on prescription are to declare this to the staff member/supervisors organising the tour prior to the commencement of the tour. The Medical Form must be completed in full and returned prior to the date of departure.
- 7. The staff members/supervisors in charge are responsible for applying all rules and taking appropriate action when the rules are breached. Any student participating in the trip, undertakes to obey staff's instructions and to accept the decisions of the staff member/supervisors in charge. Subject to the decision of the programme group leader/supervisors, students involved in Disciplinary issues of a serious nature will forfeit their place. Repeated minor breaches of rules will be considered as serious.
- 5. Should the supervisors in charge decide that a student's ongoing behaviour is such that the student must leave the programme, the cost of transporting the student and an accompanying adult back to their home, is to be paid for by the student's parents/guardians.

- 6. Parents and other adults, who are not staff members, accompanying the tour will undertake to accept the authority of the teacher(s) in charge. If the teacher(s) in charge makes a ruling with which other adults disagree, then the matter should first be discussed with the teacher(s) in charge. If the matter cannot be resolved then the matter will be referred to the camp leader for a final and binding decision. Code of Behaviour decisions are binding during the period of the tour but may be appealed to the school Principal on return from the tour.
- 7. The supervisor(s) in charge is acting on behalf of the Principal during the course of a tour. Should a situation arise during the tour when the action of any adult member of the tour group compromises the good conduct and/or safety of the tour, then the supervisor(s) in charge may ask that person to leave the tour group.
- 8. Schools/parents must, prior to the trip, provide the tour organisers with information of any medical, emotional or psychological health condition past or present which might be relevant to the Health, Safety and Welfare of participants.

I have read all of the study visit documentation and agree to abide by the rules and regulations as set out in the study visit documentation;

Student Name (block letters):

Signed by Student:

I have read all of the study visit documentation and accept the rules and regulations as set out in the study visit documentation;

Signed by Parent/Guardian; _____

Date:_____

School Principal signature or school stamp:

Date:_____