



CIUC Cultural Immersion Camp in China 2026

Objective

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 (CIUC). The camp aims to enhance participants' understanding of Chinese culture while improving their Chinese language proficiency and skills.

Dates

Tuesday, 7 April 2026 – Sunday, 19 April 2026 (subject to final approval by CLEC).

Province or City to Visit

Participants will visit Wuhan and Beijing in China (subject to final approval by CLEC).

Activities

The programme includes Chinese language classes, cultural workshops, and visits to local sites. Participants will also have the opportunity to engage with Chinese school students and, where possible, their families, gaining valuable insights into everyday life in China. All planning and logistical arrangements are jointly coordinated Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST) and CIUC to ensure a well-organised and rewarding experience.

Expectations

All students are required to participate fully in the programme and submit a reflective report on their experiences within two weeks of returning from China.

Programme Costs

All expenses within China, including accommodation, tuition, domestic transportation, sightseeing activities, and meals, will be fully covered by CLEC.

CIUC may assist in coordinating group flights to China; however, participants are responsible for arranging their return international airfare, any required connecting domestic travel, and international travel insurance.

An application fee of NZD 250 is required to cover administrative and operational costs, including support for accompanying teachers. This fee is payable only upon successful acceptance into the programme.



Camp Application Eligibility

The programme is open to Year 10–13 students who are at least 15 years of age at the time of the trip, are non-Chinese passport holders, and are non-native speakers of Mandarin.

Eligible students must currently be studying Chinese at a New Zealand secondary school (for a minimum of 30 hours) and have passed the Chinese Proficiency Test prior to departure. Students who have participated in this programme within the past three years are not eligible to apply.

To apply, students must complete and submit the application form along with all required supporting materials.

Student selection will be made jointly by the CIUC and HUST, and all applicants will be notified of the outcome in due course. Accompanying schoolteachers are required to escort the group to and from China and remain with them throughout the duration of the programme.

CLEC reserves the right to make any final adjustments or changes to the programme as necessary.

Application Check List

- ☐ Completed and signed application form.
- ☐ A short essay on the reasons for participating in the Summer Cultural Camp, including any previous learning experiences in Chinese culture, language, or perspectives (maximum 250 words).
- ☐ A photocopy of the information page of your passport (Your passport must be valid for at least six months upon your arrival in China).
- ☐ Passed HSK examination result.

Application Submission and Deadline

All application materials must be submitted to the CIUC by **5:00 pm on Friday, 21 November 2025**.

Submissions can be made either:

- By email to the CIUC Coordinator, Dr Wenting Yang, at wenting.yang@canterbury.ac.nz (please use the subject line: “Chinese Cultural Camp 2026”), or
- By post to:
Confucius Institute
University of Canterbury
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For further information, application forms, or general inquiries, please contact us at [03 369 4399](tel:033694399) or visit our website: [Students' Cultural Camp in China | University of Canterbury](#).