



CIUC Cultural Immersion Camp in China 2025

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

Saturday, 20 September 2025 – Saturday, 4 October 2025

Province or City to Visit

Participants will visit Wuhan and Beijing in China.

Activities

The programme will feature Chinese language classes, cultural workshops, and trips around the local areas. Participants will also have the opportunity to interact with Chinese high school students and their families, offering them a unique insight into everyday life in China. All planning and logistics are handled by CIUC and Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST), allowing for an enjoyable and smooth trip.

Expectations

All students will be required to fully participate in the programme and submit a report reflecting on their experiences within a fortnight of returning from China.

Programme Costs

All in-China expenses, including accommodation, tuition, domestic transportation, sightseeing activities, and meals, will be covered by HUST.

While the CIUC will assist in organising group flights to China, participants are responsible for purchasing their return international airline ticket (and connecting domestic travel, if necessary) as well as international travel insurance. A \$250 NZD application fee is also required, which contributes to administration costs and accompanying adults. This fee will be refunded if the application is unsuccessful.

Camp Application Eligibility

This programme is open to Year 10–13 students (aged 15 at the time of the trip), who are New Zealand citizens and non-native speakers of Mandarin. Students must currently be 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). Applicants should not have had previous study experience in China.

To apply, students must complete and submit the application form along with all supporting materials and the \$250 application fee.

The CIUC and HUST will make the final decision on student selection and notify all applicants of the results in due course. Accompanying adults (assigned schoolteachers) will escort the group to and from China and stay with them throughout the programme.

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).
- \$250.00 application fee. The school should collect the application fees from all participating students and make ONE PAYMENT to the Confucius Institute. Cheques should be made payable to the University of Canterbury. The application fee will be refunded only if the application is unsuccessful.
- A photocopy of the information page of your passport (Your passport must be valid for at least six months upon your arrival in China).
- An HSK 2 or YCT 3 examination result.

All materials must be submitted to the CIUC by **5pm on Friday, 28th February 2025**.

Please send them either by email to wenting.yang@canterbury.ac.nz (subject line: “Chinese Cultural Camp 2025”) or by mail to:

Confucius Institute
University of Canterbury
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For further information, application forms, or any inquiries, please contact us at [03 369 4399](tel:033694399) or visit our website at [Confucius Institute programmes | University of Canterbury](#).