HKU Summer
China Visa Information

You will apply for either the “L” (tourist) or the “X2” (student) visa at the Chinese Consulate prior to your departure from the U.S. Wait until you receive your HKU admission packet before you apply for your visa. You will need documents included in the packet to complete your visa application.

Admission and visa documents are issued based on the official program dates, not according to students' personal travel plans. Your paperwork might not be available until shortly before the start of the program.

Ultimately, the type of visa you receive is at the discretion of the Chinese Consulate or Embassy. It is your responsibility to make sure that the visa you receive is sufficient to cover the entire duration of your program.

Non-U.S. citizens must contact the nearest Chinese Consulate now to determine your visa requirements. The visa process may take several months longer than for U.S. citizens. Do not wait for instructions from UCEAP. If necessary, contact the Immigration and Naturalization Service to extend the expiration date on your re-entry permit. If you plan to visit or travel through any other countries, be sure to obtain any transit or tourist visas required by those other countries. If your re-entry permit expires while you are abroad, you will have trouble returning to the United States.

Non-California residents must apply for your visa through the Consulate General of China that represents your home state. The Chinese Embassy has a list of consulates by state: http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/hzqz/t84229.htm

California residents will apply to either the San Francisco or Los Angeles consulate based on the county of your permanent address, not the university you attend. Visa requirements and forms may differ by consulate.

**Northern California** Consulate General of The People's Republic of China
Visa Section, 1450 Laguna Street
San Francisco, California 94115
Telephone: (415) 852-5941, Fax: (415) 852-5940
Web: http://www.chinaconsulatesf.org/eng/
Email: visa.sf@gmail.com
Visa Processing Hours: 9:00 am-2:30 pm Monday-Friday

**Southern California** Consulate General of The People’s Republic of China
Visa Section, 3rd Floor
500 Shatto Place, Los Angeles, CA 90020
Telephone: (213) 201-1765, Fax: (213) 807-8091, General Information: (213) 807-8088
Web: http://losangeles.china-consulate.org/eng/
Email: losangeles_consulate@hotmail.com
Office Hours: 9:00 am-2:00 pm Monday-Friday

**Visa Application Requirements**
To help prepare you, the following is what you can expect to take in person to the Chinese Consulate. In some cases, the Chinese Consulate may ask you to submit additional supporting documents. If you have any questions, please contact the Chinese Consulate directly.
1. **Your signed passport and one (1) photocopy.** Must be valid for six months beyond your intended departure from China.

2. **Visa Application Form.**

3. **One (1) official passport photo.** Print your name on the back of the photo. Attach photo to the Visa Application. Vending machine photos are not acceptable.

4. **Visa Fee.** If you are requesting a rush order, it will cost more. Check your Consulate’s website for the most up to date information regarding visa fees and acceptable payment methods.

5. **HKU Letter of Support.** The letter will be part of your HKU admission packet. Submit a copy with your visa application.