You will receive specific instructions directly from Center for European Studies (CES). Please check your email often and respond quickly when asked to do so.

NOTE: Residence Permit and Visa Information is constantly being changed/revised by the Dutch authorities. The information presented in this document is current as of September 2015.

U.S. citizens:
(Also citizens of Japan and South Korea)
- Must apply for a Residence Permit prior to arrival in the Netherlands.
- Are not required to obtain a visa (MVV) before entering the Netherlands.
- Must pay the Residence Permit Fee – currently €307.
- Must pay a Residence Permit coordination Fee - €50. (Included in your UCEAP fees)
- The Center for European Studies (CES), our DCL partner in Maastricht, will coordinate with the Maastricht Visa Office to handle your residence permit on your behalf. CES will contact you directly via email with detailed instructions.

*As a UCEAP student you are receiving special residence permit assistance that greatly simplifies the process and reduces your overall cost.

Documents needed to apply for the Residence Permit:
CES will provide you with the documents that you will need to complete and submit to them for your Residence Permit.
In addition you will need a copy of your passport, valid for at least three months after the end date of your program.

Students who do not submit the appropriate documentation and fees by the given deadlines will be withdrawn from the program! No refund will be given.

Australia, Canada & New Zealand citizens:
- Have the possibility to apply for the WHP (Canada) or WHS (Australia, New-Zealand) instead of a residence permit for study purposes
- The fee for the WHP/WHS permit is currently €41
- Notify UCEAP if you are a citizen of Canada, Australia or New Zealand.

EU citizens:
- Do not need to obtain a visa.
- Do not need to obtain a residence permit.
- Must alert UCEAP that they will be traveling on their EU passport/citizenship.
Some students will be required to get a VISA!

*If you are **NOT** a citizen of the U.S., Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, or any European Union country, you **will** need a **visa** prior to arrival in the Netherlands.

- **DO NOT START THE VISA PROCESS ON YOUR OWN!**
  CES will send specific instructions on what you need to do to obtain the visa prior to departure.
- You must ensure that you have valid travel documents (re-entry permit/green card, passport, etc.) and a certified copy of your birth certificate. Plan ahead for this.
- All Chinese students must apply for a “Nuffic Certificate” before their visa application can be submitted. This includes taking an IELTS or TOEFL test.

Once the visa application has been approved you will either get a letter or phone call from the Dutch Embassy instructing where and when you can go to have the visa stamped in your passport. In most cases the cost will be the equivalent of about €50.

Again, it takes about two to three months after you have sent in the documents before you will hear about your visa.

Make sure your passport and your U.S. re-entry permit will be valid for at least 3 months after the end date of your program. 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 as well.** If your re-entry permit expires while you are abroad, you will have trouble returning to the United States.

**Note** - AB540 students should consult an immigration attorney to evaluate the risks of potentially being unable to re-enter the United States and any impact that participation in UCEAP might have on any deferred action applications.

**IMPORTANT:** You must meet all the residence permit requirements for the Netherlands Immigration Department (IND).
If you do not respond in a timely manner, it will result in dismissal from the program and ultimately in deportation from the country.
If this happens, you will **NOT** receive any grades, nor will you receive any refund for your program!