You will receive specific instructions directly from Utrecht University. Please check your email often and respond quickly when asked to do so.

NOTE: Visa and Residence Permit Information are constantly being revised by the Dutch authorities. The information presented in this document is current as of January 2014.

U.S. citizens:
- Are not required to obtain a visa (MVV) before entering the Netherlands.
- Must apply for a Residence Permit prior to arrival in the Netherlands.*
- Must pay the Residence Permit Fee – currently €307.

*You will receive detailed instructions directly from UU. You must follow their instructions exactly and submit all required documents by the deadlines given. You will pay for your residence permit directly to UU prior to going abroad.

Students who do not obtain the appropriate documentation will be deported and will be withdrawn from the program!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
- More Information

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, Monaco, New Zealand, South-Korea, or any European Union country, you will need a visa prior to arrival in the Netherlands.

- You must contact UCEAP and UU to inform them of your citizenship. UU will send specific instructions on what you need to do to obtain the special 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.
- DO NOT START THE VISA PROCESS ON YOUR OWN! UU will try to help speed your visa process along. It normally takes 3 months to get the visa approved once you start.
• 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 Embassy instructing when you can go to the Netherlands Embassy in your country to have the visa stamped in your passport. In most cases the costs 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.