



Xavier University of Louisiana Confucius Institute 2021 Summer Study Abroad in China Program Application

Xavier University of Louisiana Confucius Institute (CI) encourages Xavier students to apply for the 2021 Summer Study Abroad in China Program. During the trip, students will visit Beijing and Baoding of Hebei Province (with our partner institution, Hebei University, i.e., HBU), to learn the Chinese language, interact with HBU students, and gain greater exposure to the Chinese culture.

Possible themes for study: Aside for language learning and cultural exposure, while in China students are encouraged to explore other meaningful projects, such as public health, environmental protection, or women empowerment. You can work closely with your HBU counterparts on examining such issues.

Program Fee: \$800, for a \$2,500 package, which covers student health and travel insurance, Chinese visa (applied collectively), and group meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), instructional materials, lodging (sharing a room with another student), cultural exposures (excluding any extra services, such as cable cart, which students have to pay if choosing such services), and ground transportation in China. Round trip international airfare is paid by students (from 2013 to 2019, the average round trip airfare for middle May between New Orleans and Beijing was between \$1,000 and \$1,200). Air tickets are purchased also collectively to ensure the group travels together.

Major Timelines:

1. Friday January 15, 2021: Priority date.
Email your completed application form to confucius@xula.edu by this date.
2. Monday February 15, 2021: The student must deposit \$1,000 to guarantee a spot for the trip. This amount is used to cover the \$800 Program Fee and a portion of the international airfare.
 - ❖ Make check payable to Xavier University of Louisiana, and mail or drop the payment to the CI office (Administrative Annex 201). Mailing address is: 1 Drexel Drive, Box Y, Xavier University, New Orleans, LA 70125.
3. Wednesday March 31, 2021: Remaining balance due, after a possible deduction of scholarship (but not yet including the Follow-on Service Project Award).

Scholarship: Xavier students are eligible for a Study Abroad in China Scholarship to offset the cost, including airfare:

1. Chinese learning students (who are learning through the CI) each receives **\$650** (if having completed two or more courses by May 2021), or **\$550** (if having completed one course by May 2021). For Xavier students who have not learnt Chinese by May 2021 through the Xavier CI, you will receive **\$450**.
2. Early-bird deposit incentive. If you deposit \$1,000 by the priority date – Friday January 15, 2021, you are eligible to receive **an additional \$150** aside from the above amount (650/\$550/\$450).
3. Follow-on Service Project Award: Reimbursement up to **\$200** after your trip. See details on Page 2.

Proposed time: departure from New Orleans in the week of May 10-12 (depending on the availability of air tickets), and coming back from China in the week of May 25 – 26, 2021 (for two weeks).

Refund policy: If a student cancels the trip:

- Before international air tickets are purchased, you are entitled to a full refund of the payments that s/he has deposited.
- After air tickets are booked, you will bear the actual costs of airfare, visa, health insurance fees, and etc.

Special Note: Due to the volatile situation of Covid-19 or any other scenarios beyond the Program's control, we will decide by March 1, 2021 on the status of the trip. Tickets will be not purchased before March 1, 2021.

