

## Before Leaving for Beijing



Before leaving for Beijing there are some practical matters you have to take care of.

- ✓ Send bachelor diploma to the Danish SDC Office
- ✓ Apply for visa
- ✓ Buy insurance
- ✓ Apply for SU and/or Udlandsstipendium
- ✓ Deregister from the Danish national register
- ✓ Send documents to the Danish Tax authorities
- ✓ Get vaccinations
- ✓ Sign up for dorm room
- ✓ Health examination (will be done after arrival)

### **Send bachelor diploma to the Danish SDC office**

When you have completed your Bachelor's programme, please forward your diploma to the Danish SDC Office at [contact@sdc.university](mailto:contact@sdc.university). If you do not expect to receive your diploma before study start, please let us know. It is also important that you inform us if you have any remaining exams in the summer.

### **Apply for visa**

First off, check the remaining validity of your passport. It has to be at least two years.

You are expected to be in Beijing when the SDC introduction week begins. It is usually in late August, but you will be informed in due time in the spring/summer prior to your departure.

Your application process begins once you have received an admission notice from the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS), and a Visa Application for Study in China (JW-202). The Danish SDC Office will send you these documents in early July. As soon as you have these documents you must commence the visa application process. Please be aware that the process requires you to show up at the Visa Application Service Center in Copenhagen.

You must apply for a XI Student Visa (issued to those intending to study in China for a period of more than 180 days).

Applicants residing in Denmark should apply for visa at the Chinese Visa Application Service Center, Lyngbyvej 28, st.tv., 2100 Copenhagen Ø.

We urge applicants to always keep updated on new rules by visiting the website of the Chinese Visa Application Service Center in Copenhagen before beginning the application process.

If you prefer, you can find companies who charge an additional fee to expedite your visa application.

When you apply for XI visa for studying in China, please follow the [guide](#) from the Chinese Visa Application Service Center. You can disregard the "special notes" which do not apply to you.

In the guide it is also stated that: "We kindly remind you that: Holders of an XI-Visa must apply for a residence permit from the immigration department of the local public security authority in the place intended to stay within 30 days of entry to China." The SDC staff will help students with their residence permit during the introduction weeks in China.

If you have any questions about applying for visa, please contact the Chinese Visa Application Service Center directly. You will find their contact information here:

([http://bio.visaforchina.org/CPH2\\_EN/aboutus/266121.shtml](http://bio.visaforchina.org/CPH2_EN/aboutus/266121.shtml)).

Please notice that your admission notice and JW202 form may not be returned together with your passport and visa. When you go to China, you MUST bring both originals and copies of these documents with you.

### **Buy insurance**

SDC students enrolled at the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS) are required to take out insurance that covers both physical and mental health issues. Upon arrival UCAS will demand proof of adequate insurance.

Usually, travel insurances will not cover for a two-year stay abroad, so often special agreements are necessary. Current students have primarily taken out, and recommend, insurance at [StudenterForsikring.dk](#), [Europæiske Rejseforsikring](#), [Gouda](#) and [AON](#) (through Danish Students Abroad).

To avoid a possible waiting period between first and second year, it is advisable to pay for both years of insurance before leaving your home country. Remember that you are not entitled to free health care in Denmark, while you are visiting Denmark during holidays, so your insurance should cover vacations abroad (includes Denmark). Please remember that these are only recommendations based on information gathered from current students. Consult your preferred insurance company for further information.

### **Apply for SU and/or Udlandsstipendium**

#### SU

Please be aware that you cannot begin your SU application before you have received the UCAS admission notice.

If you are eligible for SU (the Danish State Education Grant) you can apply via [SU-Styrelsen's \(The Danish Education Support Agency\) on-line Fast Track](#).

#### Udlandsstipendium

If you have to pay tuition you may be eligible to receive the Danish Udlandsstipendium (scholarship for studying abroad) to cover tuition. To find out if you are eligible, please go to [SU-styrelsen](#) (The Danish Education Support Agency) for more information.

You apply via [SU Styrelsen's on-line Fast Track](#).

Please be aware that you cannot begin your Udlandsstipendium application before you have received the UCAS admission notice.

Every six months, SU-Styrelsen will need documentation for your continuous study in China. For this, a form can be found at SDC's intranet platform Moodle. The form needs a signature from the SDC Office in China. It is your responsibility to remember to fill out this documentation.

Please be aware that SDC have no authority over SU matters and that you should always direct any questions you may have to [SU-styrelsen](#) (The Danish Education Support Agency).

### Who has to pay tuition?

Please read the following carefully to see if you have to pay tuition to attend the programme.

- **Danish citizens**

You have to pay tuition if you at the time of application are not enrolled at a Danish university. However, you may be eligible to receive the Danish "Udlandsstipendium" to cover your tuition fee. To find out if you are eligible, please go to [SU-styrelsen](#). Most Danish citizens will be eligible.

You do NOT have to pay tuition if you at the time of application are enrolled at a Danish University – either in a Bachelor's programme, a full Danish Master's programme or a Danish supplementary course in connection to a Danish Bachelor or Danish Professional Bachelor's programme.

- **Non-EU citizens**

For all non-EU citizens the tuition fee for all Master's programmes at SDC is 40,000 RMB per year.

- **EU/EØS citizens**

You have to pay tuition if you at the time of application are not enrolled as a student at a Danish university either in a Bachelor's programme, a full Danish Master's degree programme or supplementary courses.

However, if you are equated with Danish citizens, who are required to pay tuition, you may be eligible to receive the Danish Udlandsstipendium (scholarship for studying abroad) to cover tuition.

To find out if you are eligible, please go to [SU-styrelsen](#) (The Danish Education Support Agency) for more information.

You do not have to pay tuition if you at the time of application are enrolled at a full Danish Bachelor's programme, a full Danish Master's degree programme or a Danish supplementary course.

### **Send documents to the Danish Tax authorities**

You have to inform the Danish Tax authorities that you are moving to China. This is done by filling out document [no. 04.029](#) and sending it to the Danish Tax authorities (SKAT).

### **Get vaccinations**

You might need special vaccinations when traveling to Beijing. Ask your doctor or check Statens Serum Institut. Some vaccinations might have to be administered over a period of time.

### **Deregister from the national register**

Before leaving Denmark you must deregister from the national register (Folkeregisteret). This is done by contacting your local municipality, and information can usually be found on their website. This also means that you are not entitled to free health care should you visit Denmark during your stay in China.

### **Sign up for dorm room**

The UCAS campus management offers accommodation on campus for approximately 1,800 RMB a month (excluding electricity and water). The dorm rooms are single rooms (approximately 7 square meters), and they are equipped with necessary furniture. You will receive an application form for dorm rooms by e-mail. If you sign up for a dorm room in June you will be guaranteed a room at semester start.

### **Health examination (will be done after arrival)**

All foreigners who come to China to study for longer than 6 months (i.e. those on an XI visa) are required to undergo a health examination. The health check should be carried out within 7 days after arriving in China. SDC will arrange for everybody to go together for the health examination in the week following your arrival. In other words, you do not need to do the health check at home before leaving.

If you choose to do it at home anyway, make sure to bring all the original documentation with you to China. You can find the foreigners physical examination form here:

([https://www.visaforchina.org/MEL\\_EN/upload/Attach/mrbj/275119.pdf](https://www.visaforchina.org/MEL_EN/upload/Attach/mrbj/275119.pdf)). Bring the form to your doctor who will help you do the various examinations. Make sure to get everything stamped and signed.