

## **China Visa and Immigration-Related Information**

If you are going to study in China for a semester, you will need to obtain a visa to enter the country. Here is some useful information on the process of obtaining a visa. For every immigration document you receive and provide, make sure to check that the spelling of your name and your date of birth are exactly the same as listed on your passport. For additional information on the visa and immigration process for students, please visit <http://ie.chineseembassy.org/eng/qzs/visa/t1476178.htm>.

### **1. Receiving your JW201 / JW202 form**

Once you have been accepted by your host university in China, they will send you either a JW201 or JW202 form along with a letter of acceptance and some other information about what you can expect when you start your course at the university.

### **2. Filling in the Visa Application**

If your stay in China is less than 180 days, you will need to apply for an X2 visa. Anyone applying for this category of visa needs to fill in both the 'Visa Application Form of the People's Republic of China' (V.2011A) and the 'Supplementary Visa Application Form of the People's Republic of China' (V.2011B). Be sure to fill in the forms exactly as directed and to include a colour photograph that meets the requirements outlined in the form. Both forms are available on the Chinese embassy website:

<http://ie.china-embassy.org/eng/Consular/AboutVisa/t112835.htm>.

### **3. Hand in your visa application**

It is not possible to mail your application to the Chinese Embassy in Ireland, nor is it possible to make an appointment. You will need to travel in person to the Embassy at 118 Merrion Road, Dublin 4. Please ensure first that the Embassy is open on the day that you plan to travel by checking opening hours at <http://ie.china-embassy.org/eng/qzs/>. Ensure that you bring your passport, your JW201/JW202 form, your visa application form, your supplementary visa application form, your photos and all other documentation posted to you by your host university in China.

#### **4. At the Embassy**

It is possible that you may be asked to undertake an interview, verify your signature on the application documents and/or provide copies of your fingerprints while at the Embassy. You will also be required to pay the visa processing fee at the Embassy. The rates are variable, and are calculated based upon how many times we wish to enter and re-enter China. The rates can be found at the following link: <http://ie.china-embassy.org/eng/qzs/visa/t1476183.htm>.

#### **5. Receiving your Visa**

If your application is approved, it should be ready for collection from the Chinese Embassy within four working days. It is possible to ask for an express service, for an additional charge, which would mean your application would be processed in two or three working days. At present, the Chinese Embassy does not return applications and visas by mail but enquire at the Embassy in case this policy changes.