

‘Chinese Bridge’ Summer Camp Programme 2024 at Heriot-Watt University - Application Information

We are pleased to announce that the ‘Chinese Bridge’ Summer Camp Exchange Programme 2024 will take place between **Wednesday 10th July** to **Wednesday 24th July** 2024 (subject to minor adjustment). Applications are open now, with the deadline for completed applications on **Friday 7th May 2024** at midnight.

Introduction

The programme aims are to enhance learning of Chinese language, increase understanding of Chinese traditional culture and of Chinese modern society. The successful candidates will attend language lessons and lectures, visit sites of historical and cultural interest, and experience Chinese cultural events.

Eligibility

- Applicants should be aged between 18 and 30 years old at the time of the programme start date.
- Only non-Chinese nationals are eligible to apply.
- Applicants are required to have a HSK 1 level Chinese (Mandarin) language proficiency or levels above HSK1 level.
- Successful applicants of ‘Chinese Bridge’ Summer Exchange Programmes from the previous three years will not be eligible.

Important Information about HSK 1 certification

Due to the tight application deadlines for this year’s programme, we would advise that if you are interested in applying but do not already have a HSK certificate, then you should apply to sit this exam as soon as possible. The next scheduled HSK 1 exam date is on 25th May 2024, with a registration deadline of the 7th May 2024 (this is the only test which you can get your test result on time for the programme). This will be an online at-home exam that you would need to book and pay for directly with the Chinese Tests Service Website <https://old.chinesetest.cn/ChangeLan.do?language=en#>. After register via the website, you should choose internet-based at home HSK 1 exam on 25th May and choose Chinese Proficiency Test UK Committee as the test centre. There will be a fee to sit this exam of approximately £27.

HSK1 online intensive courses

We are running two sets of online intensive HSK1 course (20 hours) on the following dates to support you with HSK1 exam revision:

Option 1 Lunch hour session

--Monday to Friday, 6th May to 17th May, 12pm-14pm(UK time)

Option 2 Evening hour session

--Monday to Friday, 6th May to 17th May, 17pm-19pm(UK time)

Please note that the above Intensive HSK1 courses are free but only available to summer camp applicants and for the purpose of the summer camp. Please contact us (confuciusinstitute@hw.ac.uk) for online course joining instructions once you have submitted your application.

Associated costs:

The Confucius Institute will pay for the language classes, accommodation, meals and transport during the programme duration in China, however applicants will be required to pay for and arrange their own:

- Visa application fees (Currently from £130 for British Citizens, more information on application process can be found here - https://www.visaforchina.cn/EDI2_EN/).
- International return flights and travel to meeting point at Beijing International Airport, China. If you fly to Beijing Daxing Airport, the Confucius Institute will provide instructions on how to travel to the meeting point at Beijing International Airport, or to your accommodation.
- Travel insurance for full travel period.

It is very important that you please do not book flights, arrange travel insurance or apply for your Visa until your exchange application result has been confirmed as successful.

How to apply

Please send the completed application form to confuciusinstitute@hw.ac.uk, before the application deadline on **Tuesday 7th May 2024 at midnight (GMT)**.

Please send your photocopy of passport photo page) to confuciusinstitute@hw.ac.uk by **26th May 2024 at midnight (GMT)**.

Contact us

If you have any queries about the programme, eligibility or the application process, please feel free to reach out to Dr. Isabel Liu at i.liu@hw.ac.uk. We are here to assist you further. Any changes made to the above programme are at the discretion of the Confucius Institute at Heriot-Watt University. All decisions taken are final.