

Chinese In-Country Intensive Study Program

Fudan University, Shanghai, China

23 Nov 2026 – 18 Dec 2026

What is the Fudan University Chinese In-Country Intensive Study Program?

This is an intensive Chinese language program in China. Classes will be conducted in the mornings from Monday to Friday. On weekends, there will be excursions to places of interest in the surrounding area. In addition, students will have the opportunity to engage in activities such as calligraphy and Tai Chi.

This Program is being organised and run by the Chinese Section of the Asia Institute together with the Department of Chinese Language and Literature at Fudan University.

Where is it?

Fudan University is one of China's most prestigious universities with years of experience teaching Chinese as a second language. It is situated in Shanghai. Travel arrangements will be explained in further detail at the briefing sessions.

Fudan University website: www.fudan.edu.cn

When will it be?

The program will be over the summer break. The timing of the program depends on the date of the Chinese New Year, as such, the dates will vary from year to year.

2026 dates: 23 Nov 2026 to 18 Dec 2026

Who can participate?

This program is open to **all** University of Melbourne undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Please note: under Fudan University's instruction, this program is designed for second language learners only and native Chinese speakers are not eligible for it.

Those who would like to receive credit towards their University of Melbourne degree or diploma for this study must meet the minimum University requirements for Study Abroad:

<https://students.unimelb.edu.au/your-course/study-overseas/explore-study-programs/short-term-programs#eligibility>

They must also meet the Chinese Section-specific requirements:

- As a minimum, students are required to have successfully completed at least 1 semester of Chinese language study at the University of Melbourne prior to this program's commencement. Students who have learned Chinese at an institution elsewhere should contact A/Professor Shaoming Zhou in the Asia Institute (shaoming@unimelb.edu.au) to determine their eligibility.

For those who would like to take the Program for their own interest and not seek credit, they do **not have to meet the requirements above**. They must, however, contact A/Professor Shaoming Zhou and make that clear as a slightly different application process will be required.

How many can participate?

For the Program to go ahead there must be a minimum of 16 students. If this number is not reached the Program will be cancelled. The maximum number of students who can participate in 2026 is 32. Where more students apply than there are places available, preference will be given to second and third year students.

How do I enrol in Study Abroad and receive credit for my degree/diploma at Melbourne?

The Study Abroad site provides an overview of Study Abroad planning:

<https://students.unimelb.edu.au/study-overseas/explore-study-programs/short-term-programs> (don't apply for enrolment until informed)

In the case of the Fudan University Chinese In-Country Intensive Study Program, students follow the steps below:

1. Email your expression of interest to A/Professor Zhou at shaoming@unimelb.edu.au by **Friday 24 April 2026**

The following information should all be included in your email:

- name
- student number
- most recent Chinese language subject undertaken at this University
- degree and diploma (if relevant)
- University of Melbourne email address
- Contactable phone number

2. Attend an initial briefing session held by Asia Institute on Friday, 8 May 2026
3. Pay a non-refundable deposit of \$200 by **Friday 5 June, 2026 (later payment will not be accepted)**
4. Submit your application online by **30 August** through the Fudan brochure page at <https://studyos.students.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=10360>
The application will open in June
Please upload the receipt for your payment of your deposit in the essay question. Later submission is not accepted
5. **Submit a study plan online by Sunday 30 August** through the Study Planner, the link for which is in the application form.*
6. When you have been approved to participate, you submit an application form on line to Fudan University.
7. Once you receive your acceptance from Fudan University you must provide that to Stop 1 so that they can update your enrolment.
8. Prepare for departure.
9. Attend subject, including sitting all assessment.
10. Receive academic transcript and submit to Stop 1 so that, assuming you are successful, your credit can be transferred to your degree/diploma at Melbourne^.

* Final study plan approval is at the discretion of the Stop 1.

^ Credit is ungraded.

Will I require a passport and visa?

All students must have a current passport which is valid for at least six months beyond the date when they expect to leave China. Students who do not have a passport or do not have the required six months validity must immediately apply for a new passport. Students who hold more than one

passport must use the same passport for Fudan application and their airline ticket as they will use to enter China.

In line with China's new visa policy, all Australian passport holders who would stay in China for less than 30 days will not require a visa. Other passport holders need to check with China's visa office in Melbourne or their home country for advice

https://www.visaforchina.cn/MEL3_EN/qianzhengyewu

Failure to obtain a visa will mean that you will not be able to go to China.

What is the cost?

In 2026 the tuition cost is **\$1600**. This includes:

- Student ID card
- Tuition
- Text books and other teaching materials
- Cultural activities
- Group transfer to and from the airport in Shanghai (if student is not arriving / departing with the group, airport transfer costs are NOT Refundable)

Payment

- A non-refundable deposit of \$200 is required by **Friday, 5 June, 2026**
- Payment of the balance of \$1,400 is required by **Friday, 2 Oct, 2026**

Proof of payment for both the deposit and balance must be emailed to A/Professor Zhou by the due dates.

Late payment is not accepted and will result in cancellation of your registration for this program.

How do I pay?

Payment can be made by credit card (Visa and Master card only) by using the online facility at:

TBD

Students are responsible for the cost of flights, meals, accommodation (at around \$25-\$30/night for a room at a nearby international student accommodation, subject to exchange rate) and for any personal expenditure. Students are also responsible for the cost of obtaining a Chinese visa (visa application instructions will be provided).*

*Participants' accommodation at Fudan University might be covered by Fudan University subject to its funding application.

Important notes:

This is a fee-paying program at Fudan University, not part of the University of Melbourne exchange program with Fudan University. Payment is made through the University of Melbourne and transferred to Fudan University. More information here:

<https://students.unimelb.edu.au/your-course/study-overseas/help-and-support/plan-your-budget>

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is **compulsory** and can be obtained through the University free of charge for students receiving credit for this program. Students will automatically receive this as part of their acceptance after providing their Letter of Acceptance from Fudan to Stop 1. You are required to provide proof of insurance cover (either University of Melbourne or some alternative) to A/Professor Zhou.

<https://students.unimelb.edu.au/your-course/study-overseas/step-by-step-guides/short-term-programs/get-accepted-by-your-host>

Scholarships

If you are currently studying a modern language at the University of Melbourne, you may apply for the Melbourne Global Mobility Scholarship for Language Study. Funding is also available from various sources including faculties and the Australian government. For a detailed explanation of the various scholarships available to Study Abroad students, please see the Study Abroad funding webpage:

<http://mobility.unimelb.edu.au/outbound/funding/study-abroad-funding.html>

What if I need to withdraw?

Students who need to withdraw must do so in writing.

The deposit payment of \$200 is **NOT** refundable*.

With regard to the program fee, for students who withdraw after:

- **16 Oct, 2026** the cancellation fee of 50% of the full program fee applies.
- **30 Oct, 2026** the cancellation fee of 100% of the full program fee applies.

* There may be circumstances in which the deposit is fully or partially refunded at the School's discretion e.g. if a student does not receive the required Faculty approval or if a student's visa application is unsuccessful.

When do I have to apply?

Students must express their interest to A/Professor Zhou by the due date and attend the program's initial briefing session.

Please do not send enquiries to A/Professor Zhou before you attend the initial briefing session.

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