# Information for Students on Exchange

## A. University

**Tsinghua University**


Tsinghua University is a research university located in Beijing, China, and one of the nine members in the elite C9 League of Chinese Universities. Tsinghua was established in 1911 as "Tsinghua Xuetang," and renamed to "Tsinghua School" in 1912 and "National Tsinghua University" in the 1928. Tsinghua University is dedicated to academic excellence, the well-being of Chinese society and to global development. Tsinghua University is consistently ranked as the top higher learning institution in mainland China.

## B. Country

China

## C. Academics

### i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer

Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before the exchange.

Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by your faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan.

[Click here](#) for a step-by-step guide on applying for module mapping.

### ii) Academic Calendar

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<th>Semester</th>
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<td>Fall Semester / Semester 1</td>
<td>September to January</td>
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<td>Spring Semester / Semester 2</td>
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### iii) Exchange Duration

One semester or full-year exchange

### iv) Examination

Students are expected to sit for the mandatory examinations at Tsinghua University before returning to NUS for the next semester.

### v) Curriculum Structure

Exchange students can take of up to a maximum of 20 credits (typically 4 courses) per semester. Out of the 20 credits per semester, only a maximum of 8 credits can be from courses outside of the student’s major. 1 credit is equal to 16 academic hours at Tsinghua University.

### vi) Entry Requirements

- non-Chinese nationality;
- be enrolled at the National University of Singapore (NUS) as a full-time student;
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- have completed at least two semesters of study before embarking on the exchange programme;
- have a sound academic record, i.e. minimum CAP of 3.0, and should not have any grade below grade ‘C’ (grade point of 2.0) in any module;
- have sufficient financial means to cover the necessary expenses for the duration of the SEP (ranging from S$5,000 to S$15,000 per semester, subject to the country and local conditions at the overseas Partner University during the period of exchange). When applying for your student visa, a number of countries may demand documentary proof of your financial status;
- obtain the Faculty’s approval for the SEP;
- satisfy partner institution and host country entry requirements; and
- check with the issuer of any scholarship he or she is receiving to ensure there are no restrictions involving overseas study (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Ministry of Education).

vii) Language Proficiency Requirements

Mandarin is the medium of instruction for classes at the host university (with limited English modules). NUS students with Chinese background may be exempted from the HSK Chinese language proficiency requirements to read Chinese courses at Tsinghua University.

viii) Modules Compatibility

Suitable for students from the following faculties:

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<td>FASS</td>
<td>Economics, History, International Relations, Journalism and Communication, Social Sciences, Political Science, Psychology, Public Policy &amp; Management</td>
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<td>FoE</td>
<td>Aerospace Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Electronic Engineering</td>
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| FoL | • Industrial Engineering  
• Law |
| FoS | • Life Sciences  
• Pharmaceutical Sciences  
• Physics  
• Chemistry  
• Mathematical Sciences |
| SDE | • Architecture  
• Building Technology and Science  
• Industrial Design  
• Urban Planning |
| SoC | • Computer Science and Technology |

Please refer to the Schools & Departments at Tsinghua University for details: [https://www.tsinghua.edu.cn/publish/thu2018en/newthuen_cnt/06-school.html](https://www.tsinghua.edu.cn/publish/thu2018en/newthuen_cnt/06-school.html)

For course listing, please refer to [http://intl-nondegree.tsinghua.edu.cn/f/yzlxs/yz_lxs_kstzb/view?id=264623](http://intl-nondegree.tsinghua.edu.cn/f/yzlxs/yz_lxs_kstzb/view?id=264623)

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### ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites

MBA and the Master of Law programmes are not open to exchange students.

Cross faculty modules are allowed but should not exceed 8 credits.

Courses conducted by Academy of Arts and Design and Physical training courses are not open to exchange students; LLM, MBA, MPA, courses taught in English offered by the School of Architecture are not open to exchange students.

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### D. Application

i) Procedures

Students can apply for SEP one year in advance through their home faculty in NUS between September and June. Please look out for your faculty’s announcement regarding the application period.

Once you have been selected by your home faculty for SEP, your faculty will contact you and provide information regarding application with your
host university. Please prepare the necessary documents before the start of the application period at your host university.

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<th>ii) Deadlines</th>
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<td>All NUS students must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home Faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university. Failure to submit a formal application to the host university by the stipulated deadline, may result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</td>
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**E. Accommodations**

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<td>Tsinghua will prioritise university-level exchange students with on-campus accommodation at Zijing Foreign Student Apartments. The apartment charges different prices for different room types. Typical double room charges RMB 40 per day and single room charges RMB 80 per day. Students may visit <a href="http://is.tsinghua.edu.cn/publish/isscen/11920/2018/20180704135159330698035/20180704135159330698035_.html">http://is.tsinghua.edu.cn/publish/isscen/11920/2018/20180704135159330698035/20180704135159330698035_.html</a> for more details. As there are limited on-campus accommodation, exchange students who have received Tsinghua University’s Admission Notice are required to reserve the rooms in advance by the specific deadline and to follow the application instructions found in the Foreign Students Dormitory Application System along with the admission package.</td>
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<th>ii) Private Accommodation</th>
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<td>Private accommodation is expensive nearby the university. Prices may vary from RMB1000 to RMB 2000 RMB a month for just one room rent to several thousands for the whole set of apartment. It is usually through real estate agencies can students find suitable accommodations. Exchange students can make reference to the off-campus accommodation information available in <a href="http://is.tsinghua.edu.cn/publish/issc/11965/20190123114450723638430/1548220868966.pdf">Accommodation Guide for International Students</a>:</td>
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**F. Visa**

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<td>Exchange students in China are required to apply for student visa (X2 visa for those intending to study in China for a period of no more than 180 days</td>
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and X1 visa for those intending to study in China for a period of more than 180 days).

You will receive the admission letter and visa application form (JW202) once you are accepted by the host university for the student exchange programme. Exchange students are required to apply for the student visa in person at the China Visa Application Service Centre in Singapore with the relevant documents before the start of the academic semester.

China Visa Application Service Centre in Singapore:
http://www.visaforchina.org/SGP_EN/generalinformation/visaknowledge/260894.shtml

Exchange students are required to report to International Students Office, Tsinghua University for admission registration before the deadline indicated on the Admission Notice, and apply for a Residence Permit (for X1 visa holders) within 30 days after arriving in China.

Visa information at Tsinghua University:
http://is.tsinghua.edu.cn/publish/isscen/11818/index.html

### G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

| i) Health/Medical Insurance | All registered NUS students are covered under the University health insurance and the NUS Student Travel insurance. For more information on the University health insurance coverage, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/general-health/billing-insurance/insurance-matters
| i) Emergency Number at host university | Please check with host university. |

For exchange students who do not have valid insurance to cover their exchange period in Tsinghua University and China, they are required to purchase local insurance at Tsinghua University. The cost of the insurance is RMB400.
### H. Cost of Living

#### i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses

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<td>Accommodation</td>
<td>RMB1,500 - RMB2,700</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>RMB1,500</td>
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<td>Transport</td>
<td>RMB300</td>
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<td>Others (Entertainment, clothes, etc)</td>
<td>RMB1,200</td>
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<td><strong>Monthly Estimate</strong></td>
<td><strong>RMB4,500 – RMB5,700</strong></td>
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#### ii) Relevant Awards/Scholarships

**Bursaries**:  
- NASA Exchange Bursary:  
- Loh Boon Chye & Family SEP Award:  
- SEP Award for the Community Spirited:  

**Scholarships**:  
- Chinese University Study Award:  
  [https://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/financing/awards-scholarships/outgoing-students/chinese-university-study-award](https://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/financing/awards-scholarships/outgoing-students/chinese-university-study-award)  
- NASA Exchange Scholarship:  
  [https://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/financing/awards-scholarships/outgoing-students/nus-awards-for-study-abroad-nasa-exchange-scholarship](https://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/financing/awards-scholarships/outgoing-students/nus-awards-for-study-abroad-nasa-exchange-scholarship)  
- TF-LEaRN Award:  

### I. Useful Links

**Tsinghua International Students & Scholars Center**:  
- [http://is.tsinghua.edu.cn/publish/isscen/index.html](http://is.tsinghua.edu.cn/publish/isscen/index.html)