

Study in China. Build what comes next.

A new place to learn. A new language to practise.
A wider world of possibilities.



Explore your study routes, plan a realistic budget and take your next step with Beijing Explore the Unknown.

For prospective adult students and the families supporting their plans.

More than a place to earn a degree.

China can make your education an experience you draw on for years: in your work, your relationships and the way you see the world.

Build knowledge in a new setting.

Explore degree and language routes that fit your ambitions. Compare course content, teaching quality, facilities and academic support to find a programme that deserves your time and investment.

Make language part of daily life.

A lesson can continue at the campus cafe, on a bus or in a conversation with a neighbour. Living in China gives you regular opportunities to practise Mandarin and understand the culture behind the words.

Develop a broader perspective.

Working with classmates from different backgrounds can strengthen your confidence, adaptability and communication. Those experiences can become valuable examples in future interviews, projects and further study.

Give yourself room to explore.

A carefully chosen university, city and accommodation plan can help you balance study, everyday costs and new experiences. Scholarships are worth investigating as one part of that plan.

Your opportunity is personal.

The strongest reason to choose China is the combination that works for you: the right subject, a manageable budget, a welcoming environment and a clear next step.

Inside: real opportunities / study routes / programme fit / published costs / scholarships / campus life / applications / BETU support / student journeys

Real possibilities. A place to build on them.

The appeal becomes clearer when you look at what you could actually study and experience.

Engineering in English

HUST's 2026 undergraduate list includes telecommunication, biomedical and mechanical engineering routes taught in English. An English-taught degree can sit alongside daily opportunities to learn Mandarin. [6]

Language with immersion

XJTU's Hainan language programme lists 18-20 teaching hours weekly, cultural activities and classes matched to proficiency. This example is in Lingshui, Hainan, rather than the university's Xi'an location. [8]

A research direction

HUST publishes English-medium master's fee categories in science, engineering, economics and management. Begin with your specialism, then investigate the available programmes, laboratories and supervision. [7]

Two kinds of learning

Build subject knowledge in class and cultural understanding outside it. Practising Mandarin while living in China can help turn textbook knowledge into everyday confidence and relationships.

These are published 2026 examples, not open-place announcements or confirmed BETU partnerships. Verify the next intake, eligibility and exact programme before applying.

[Ask BETU which route fits me](#)

Three ways to begin.

Start with the experience you want, then choose the route that brings you closer to it.

01 Bachelor's degree

For students building their first university qualification. Explore programmes connected to your interests, from business and engineering to design and other disciplines. Review the required school qualification, subjects, teaching language, entrance assessments and programme duration with each university.

02 Master's degree

For graduates ready to develop specialist knowledge or research experience. Look closely at the curriculum, supervisor fit where relevant, and how the programme supports your goals. If you are still completing your bachelor's degree, share your expected graduation date when planning your intake.

03 Chinese language

For learners who want to build Mandarin for everyday life, future study or professional interests. Compare course intensity, starting level, programme length and accommodation. A language course can be a useful preparation stage; later degree entry is a separate application.

English, Chinese or a preparation stage?

Ask which language is used for teaching, assessments and any practical placements. Check the language evidence needed for entry and any requirements during the course. Your current level is a starting point for planning.

Bring BETU your current qualification, preferred subject and language background. We can help you identify what to explore next.

[Explore study routes](#)

Choose the programme. Then choose the place.

A recognisable university name can start your research. The details of the course should guide your decision.

Your academic fit

Read the modules, assessment methods, practical components and graduation requirements. For a research degree, investigate the department and potential supervision.

Your everyday experience

Ask about campus location, accommodation availability, student support, clubs and access to the facilities that matter to your subject.

Your next destination

Check recognition with the relevant authority where you intend to work or continue studying. For regulated professions, confirm the specific qualification and licensing requirements before committing. Pakistan's HEC provides a foreign-degree equivalence process. [1]

Your total commitment

Confirm duration, all compulsory fees, payment dates, refund terms and conditions attached to an offer or scholarship. Keep written information for comparison.

A simple shortlist rule

Compare three realistic options using the same headings: academic fit, language, recognition, total cost and student experience. A useful shortlist should explain why each option fits you.

Published fees. A clearer starting point.

Use named programmes and current fee schedules to build your budget. All amounts below are in RMB.

30,000 / year

HUST: English-taught undergraduate telecommunication engineering tuition. Its 2026 guide lists housing at 700-1,200 per month and insurance at 800 per year. [6]

15,000 / year

XJTU Hainan: Chinese-language tuition for one academic year; one semester is 8,000. Accommodation and living expenses are additional. Published for the 2026 intake. [8]

Worked example: HUST English-medium master’s in the engineering/science/economics/management fee category. [7]

Annual tuition	38,000
Double room / 700-900 x 12 months	8,400-10,800
Living costs / 1,200-2,500 x 12	14,400-30,000
Insurance / annual	800
Subtotal / these four items only	61,600-79,600

Calculation assumes 12 months of housing and living costs. Add flights, application fees, textbooks, utilities, medical checks, residence formalities, deposits, contingency and any BETU fees. Programme exceptions and room availability apply.

Sources: official 2026 guides, checked 22 September 2026. These are reference costs, not a next-intake quote. Ask BETU to compare a full budget for your own shortlist.

Explore funding with a clear plan.

Scholarship support can make a meaningful difference. A strong application begins with the requirements of a specific award.

Compare the routes.

Research Chinese Government Scholarships, local-government schemes and university awards. For each named opportunity, check who may apply, what it covers, the deadline and whether continued support depends on academic performance.

Compare the actual coverage.

Tuition, accommodation, insurance and living allowances are separate items. Read the award terms and budget for anything excluded. A scholarship application and a confirmed scholarship award are different stages.

Age matters for the specific scheme.

The official 2026/27 government-scholarship call reviewed lists under 25 for undergraduate applicants, under 35 for master's and under 40 for doctoral applicants. These are scheme-specific criteria, not a universal admission or visa age limit. Check the new call for your intended intake. [2]

Give BETU a useful starting point.

Share your nationality, age, qualifications, grades in their original scale, language evidence, intended route and available funding. This supports a meaningful review of possible awards.

Your profile may point towards several possibilities. BETU can help you compare them and prepare your next steps; award decisions remain with the relevant institution or scholarship body.

Discuss your scholarship plans

Find a place you can picture yourself.

Your university will shape your studies. Your neighbourhood, friendships and daily routines will shape the experience around them.



Let your interests shape your research.

Curious about Beijing, Shanghai, Wuhan, Chengdu or another city? Start with your course options, then compare the campus setting, travel connections, climate and accommodation. The location of your actual campus matters more than the city name alone.

Build a routine that feels like yours.

Picture your first ordinary week: classes, a study group, a grocery trip and time to explore. Ask about clubs, sports, food choices and student services. If you have particular dietary or religious needs, check facilities at the campus and neighbourhood you are considering.

Turn everyday moments into learning.

Practise a short conversation, join a student activity or explore a local museum. Small experiences can deepen both your language confidence and your understanding of the place you now call home.

Planning prompt: list three things you want from life outside the classroom, then use them when comparing campuses.

A clear sequence. A confident start.

Work backwards from your chosen intake. University and scholarship deadlines vary, so confirm dates before making your calendar.

● 01 Define your direction

Choose your route, subject and teaching language. Review recognition and compare the full cost of realistic options.

● 02 Prepare your evidence

Use each institution's checklist. It may include your passport, qualifications and transcripts, language evidence, a study plan, references and other route-specific documents. Check translation, certification and validity requirements. [2]

● 03 Check assessments early

For relevant undergraduate applications, investigate the China Scholastic Competency Assessment (CSCA), required subjects and accepted test dates. The reviewed 2026/27 government-scholarship call requires a CSCA report for bachelor's applicants; verify your own route and intake. [2]

● 04 Apply and follow the process

Submit complete applications, track requests and prepare for any interview or additional assessment. Review offer conditions, payments and scholarship decisions carefully.

● 05 Prepare for arrival

Use the admission and visa-support documents issued for your route. Follow the relevant embassy or consulate's current instructions, then coordinate accommodation, travel and registration with your university and BETU. [3]

Already partway through? Tell BETU which steps you have completed so the guidance starts from your actual position.

Your plans. BETU by your side.

Beijing Explore the Unknown helps students organise the decisions and practical steps around studying in China.

Before you apply

Discuss your goals and background, explore suitable study routes, and agree the assistance you need. Application support can include document preparation guidance, review, application coordination and scholarship-route discussions.

Before you travel

Prepare the practical questions: admission paperwork, visa-application checklist, accommodation arrangements and arrival timing. Confirm your service scope and responsibilities in writing.

When you arrive

Where included in your agreed package, BETU coordinates airport pickup, accommodation check-in and university onboarding. SIM and banking guidance is provided online. In-person arrangements are confirmed for the city and individual case.

As you settle into student life

Basic support concludes after onboarding. Optional ongoing support can be agreed separately for the first year, with scope, fees and contact arrangements explained before you choose it.

People behind the process

Jane Lin coordinates admissions, scholarships and programmes. Deger supports global projects and student relations. Tell BETU your priorities so the right team members can guide your next steps.

[Explore BETU support](#)

Different starting points. A next step for each.

Illustrative planning scenarios, not testimonials or admissions predictions.
Which situation feels closest to yours?

01 / The future engineer

You have finished high school, enjoy maths and can study in English. Your goal is a technical degree plus experience of life in China.

Explore: English-taught engineering, then compare modules, language evidence and CSCA requirements.

BETU conversation: Which programmes fit my school subjects, budget and intended intake?

02 / The graduate ready to specialise

You are finishing a bachelor's degree and want a master's that deepens your expertise.

Explore: research or taught routes, academic fit, graduation timing and funding.

BETU conversation: What can I prepare now, and when must I provide my final degree?

03 / The Mandarin-first learner

You want to communicate more confidently in Chinese before deciding on a longer academic or professional direction.

Explore: placement level, teaching hours, course length and campus life.

BETU conversation: Would a semester or a year better match my goals?

You do not need every answer to begin.

You need a starting point, a few priorities and a conversation that helps turn them into a plan.

Start with your own four lines.

My direction: the subject or experience I want to explore.

My starting point: my qualifications and language background.

My practical plan: my intended intake and available budget.

My question: what I most want BETU to help me understand.

Take the free eligibility check.

Receive preliminary readiness guidance based on your answers, then choose whether you would like BETU to email you. Your result is the beginning of a programme review, not an admission or scholarship decision.

[Start my free eligibility check](#)

Prefer to talk first?

Email studyinchina@beijingexploreunknown.com with your study interests and questions. You can also use our [contact page](#).

The next chapter could bring a subject you love, a language you use every day and experiences you never expected. Let's explore what studying in China could look like for you.

BETU's Study in China service is intended for adults aged 18 and over. Younger students can discuss future planning with a parent or guardian.

Useful details. Reliable starting points.

Keep this page with your shortlist. Official programme and authority instructions should guide your final decisions.

Study, internships and future work

A degree can support your ambitions alongside skills, language ability and experience. Employment and immigration permissions require their own checks. Shanghai guidance requires university approval and residence-permit endorsement for off-campus internships. Graduate work-permit routes also have eligibility conditions. [4, 5]

1 / Qualification recognition

[Pakistan HEC: Foreign Degree Recognition / Equivalence ↗](#)

2 / Scholarship and application example

[Chinese Embassy in Belgium: 2026/27 Government Scholarship call ↗](#)

3 / Study residence formalities

[Shanghai Government: study residence permits and stay permits ↗](#)

4 / Internship permissions

[Shanghai Government: guidance for international-student internships ↗](#)

5 / Graduate employment

[Shanghai Government: Category C work permits for foreign graduates ↗](#)

Sources checked 22 September 2026. The scholarship example describes a previous application cycle; it is not a currently open call or a deadline for your next intake. Check the new announcement and the instructions applicable to your nationality and programme.

This guide provides general planning information. Admission, scholarships, recognition and visa or work permissions are decided by the responsible institutions and authorities. Fees and service scope require current written confirmation. Published fee examples are dated references; the worked subtotal is not an all-inclusive quote.

Editorial images illustrate student experiences and do not identify a particular institution, delivered BETU project or student testimonial.

Follow the evidence. Then make it your own.

Use these official examples to begin a conversation, not to limit your shortlist.

6 / HUST undergraduate guide

Published 2026 programme choices, tuition, housing and insurance.

[Open the official undergraduate guide](#)

7 / HUST graduate guide

Published 2026 postgraduate tuition and expense ranges used in the worked budget.

[Open the official graduate guide](#)

8 / XJTU Hainan language programme

Published 2026 course format and tuition for the Lingshui, Hainan location.

[Open the official language-programme guide](#)

Checked 22 September 2026. The cited 2026 application deadlines have passed. Future availability, fees, scholarship terms and assessments must be confirmed for the relevant intake. These examples do not imply institutional endorsement of BETU.

Your next chapter starts with a conversation.

Tell BETU what you would like to study, what you can invest and what you hope to experience. Together, we can turn those priorities into clear options to review.

[Start my free eligibility check](#)