



# Wanxiang Ambassador Fellowship Program

The Wanxiang Ambassador Fellows Program blends culture, language, and career exploration in Beijing, Hangzhou, and Shanghai, China. Students have the opportunity to take Chinese language classes, learn about sustainability and green energy, and join cultural seminars. Apply by October 24 on [Handshake](#).

## Program Highlights

- **Academic Focus:** Courses in sustainability and green energy taught by Chinese faculty and industry leaders.
- **Career Development:** Strengthen cross-cultural communication, gain global perspectives, and build skills relevant to future careers in international business, policy, and sustainability.
- **Language Learning:** Intensive Mandarin instruction at multiple proficiency levels.
- **Cultural Immersion:** Classes and activities on Chinese history, society, and traditions - including tea art workshops.
- **Excursions & Site Visits:** Explore historic and cultural landmarks such as the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, and the Forbidden City.

## How To Apply

Applicants must submit a resume that clearly outlines their Mandarin proficiency. Applications must also include a one-page cover letter addressing fit for the program, interest in Chinese language and culture, commitment to learning about clean energy in China, and overall expectations for the experience.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis - students are encouraged to apply early!

## Fast Facts

- **Location:** Beijing, Hangzhou & Shanghai, China.
- **Program Dates:** Mid-June, 2026 - Late July, 2026.
- **Rolling Application Deadlines** | [Apply Here](#)
  - Round 1: October 24, 2025
  - Round 2: November 14, 2025
- **Eligibility:** Open to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year students.
- **Funding:** Travel expenses will be paid by the Wanxiang Corporation, including visa fees, transportation to/from China, housing, most meals, and program-associated travel.
- **Questions?** Reach out to Grace Beckman at [beckmang@uchicago.edu](mailto:beckmang@uchicago.edu).

## Alumni Perspectives

“I now see global engagement not just as a passion—but as a professional path. I’ll always view Wanxiang as the foundational experience that sparked this vision and gave me the confidence to pursue it.”



**Alexandria Schmidt, AB'25**

**Major:** Anthropology  
**Internships:**

- Science and Stewardship Student Intern, Cascade Forest Conservancy
- Foundational Researcher, Committee on Environment, Geography, and Urbanization (CEGU)
- Resident Assistant (RA), University of Chicago