

FAQ for UIP

West China School of Medicine, Sichuan University

1. What does Sichuan University cover for international students?

(国际交流营报账范围)

Sichuan University will cover the cost of international students' China domestic flights (e.g., from Beijing to Chengdu and then from Chengdu to Beijing) or part of your international airfare if you fly directly from your country to Chengdu (for example: from San Francisco to Chengdu) up to a maximum of RMB 3000 (about USD 480). The university will also provide accommodation from June 25 to July 18, 2023 (you can arrive on June 24) and local transportation. If you stay longer than 14 days, you will need to pay for the additional accommodation. According to the agreement between the two universities, there will be no tuition fee charged.

2. How to reimburse your air tickets, and what documents are required?

(国际交流营国内段机票报销方式)

The financial department of Sichuan University can only provide RMB for the reimbursement of air tickets. To get your tickets reimbursed, you must keep your official itinerary/receipt (showing departure and arrival date and time, flight number, name, ID or passport number, cost of the tickets, and ticket number if available) and the boarding pass with you. Without the above information, it may be difficult to get your tickets reimbursed.

3. Who will be in contact with you before and during your stay?

Each international student will be in a team composed of both Chinese and foreign students. Your Chinese team members will help answer your questions and contact you by email or other social media.

If you need any special help, you can contact the following people:

- 1) Ms. Xie Tel: +86 18980606294
- 2) Ms. Mi Tel: +86 19983138021
- 3) Ms. Shi Tel: +86 19517254883
- 4) Mr. Lin Tel: +86 18180643810

4. Airport pickup (接机)

Chengdu has two airports: Shuangliu International Airport and Tianfu International Airport. The former is about a 20-minute drive from downtown, while the latter is about a 60-minute drive away.

To ensure that you arrive safely on campus, please inform us of your flight number and date of arrival in advance, and we will arrange one or two medical students to pick you up at the airport. The students who come to pick you up will hold a sign with your name and your university name so that you won't miss them.

5. Accommodation (住宿)

We will help book a hotel near the campus and send you the address when everything is ready.

It is always necessary for you to have the address (in English and Chinese) in case of flight delays or if the person picking you up is unable to find you. It costs about RMB 50 to travel from the airport to the hotel. Please keep the taxi receipt for reimbursement.

International students need to share a standard double room (two-bed room), meaning you will have one roommate with you. If you prefer a single room, you will need to pay the extra fee of RMB 150 (around \$18).

6. Regarding the White/Lab coat (白大褂问题)

International students should bring their own white/lab coat when going to the hospital.

7. What is the activity schedule during June 25 - July 8 (two weeks for the international summer camp)? (国际交流营活动安排)

The first week will consist of activities with all the medical students at West China School of Medicine, while the second week will involve different clinical departments of West China Hospital. For more details, please refer to the attached preliminary schedule.

8. Dress code requirements (着装情况)

There will be a party, so business casual attire will be required. You can wear casual clothes at other times.

9. Currency exchange (换汇)

Please change some money upon arrival at the entry city.

10. How to stay in touch with us before and after you arrive in Chengdu? (WeChat)

We often encounter difficulties in contacting international students after they arrive in Chengdu because they may have trouble accessing their Gmail or university email address. We strongly recommend that you download WeChat, a free app that is very popular in China.

11. Photo for ID card

Please send us an electronic photo (in color, from the shoulders up, front-facing, and similar to a passport photo) so that we can prepare an ID card for you to enter and exit the hospital.

12. Checklist

For international students attending our Medical Education summer program, please print out the following materials and submit them to us:

- 1) Two copies of your passport (with your signature)
- 2) Return tickets or official itinerary/receipt, which can be international or domestic flights (with your signature)
- 3) Boarding pass (with your signature)