

Guidance for F Visa Application for Foreign Scholars

F Visa is issued to those who are invited to China for exchanges, visits, study tours and other activities. To apply for a F Visa to visit Tianjin University at the Chinese Embassies/Consulates, you need to receive

- an Invitation Letter from the host individual, or
- an Invitation Letter from **Tianjin Municipal Science and Technology Bureau (TMSTB)**, or
- an Invitation Letter from a duly authorized institution.

Tianjin University is a duly authorized institution, and the **Office of International Cooperation of Tianjin University (OIC)** issues invitation letters on behalf of Tianjin University.

Please consult the Chinese Embassies/Consulates before you apply for your visa to make sure what type of Invitation Letter is appropriate for you.

The documents required for F Visa are as follows.

1. Foreign scholars who visit Tianjin University without payment and who needs an Invitation Letter from a host individual needs to contact the host for invitation.
2. Foreign Scholars who needs an Invitation Letter from **TMSTB** needs to provide the following.

	Documents Necessary	Requirements	Note
1	加盖邀请单位公章的《外国专家来华邀请函申请表》 <i>Visa Application Form</i> with host's official seal	Apply online (https://fwuwu.most.gov.cn/lhgzweb/)	Assistance from host is necessary.
2	聘请单位的邀请函 Application letter of host		Assistance from host is necessary.
3	项目合同、协议及中文翻译件 Contract/Agreement, and its Chinese version	Details of work, payment, time span, position should be included with the applicant's signature. Both the original and a copy should be provided.	Assistance from host is necessary.
4	有效护照 Copy of valid passport	Photo page	
5	高端 (A 类) 人才证明材料 Evidence of High Level (A level) Talents		
Your host will help you apply for the Invitation Letter from TMSTB with the documents needed above. Location of TMSTB: Room 712, No 14 Bubei Road, Heping District, Tianjin, Tel: 022 83606246 (天津市和平区和平区湖北路 14 号 712 室)			

3. Applying for an Invitation Letter from **OIC**

	Documents Necessary	Requirements	Note
1	《被授权单位邀请函》申报表(附件 1) <i>Visa Application Form</i> by OIC (See Appendix 1)		Assistance from host is necessary.
2	简历 CV of the applicant		
3	有效护照 Copy of valid passport	Photo page	
4	来华保证函 <i>A Letter of Guarantee</i> issued by the host		Assistance from host is necessary.

5	教育部批复函件复印件 Copy of Approval Document from the Ministry of Education	For those who attend an international conference in China	Assistance from host is necessary.
Your host will help you get the Invitation Letter from OIC. Location of OIC: A326, Xinsun Building (Administration Building, Peiyang Campus, Tianjin University), Tel: 022-85356062 (北洋园校区杏荪楼 A326)			