

(1) Visa exemption: China currently offers unilateral visa exemption for many nationalities — meaning eligible travelers can enter China without a visa for short stays (typically up to 30 days) for purposes such as business (including conferences), tourism, visiting family/friends, or exchange (not for work, study, or journalism). For summary information of visa exemption, please refer to: <https://en.nia.gov.cn/n147418/n147463/c191648/content.html>

For details:

According to the National Immigration Administration's policy information:

<https://en.nia.gov.cn/n147418/n147463/c183390/content.html>

(Compiled from information released by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as of November 10, 2025)

Eligible Countries (updated on March 1st 2026):

Europe (35 countries): United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Ireland, Hungary, Austria, Belgium, Luxembourg, Poland, Slovenia, Portugal, Greece, Cyprus, Slovakia, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Iceland, Andorra, Monaco, Liechtenstein, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Malta, Estonia, Latvia, Russia, Sweden

Oceania (2 countries): Australia, New Zealand

Asia (7 countries): Brunei, South Korea, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain

South America (5 countries): Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Uruguay

North America (1 country): Canada

Note: Visa policies change frequently. The information below is for reference only. Participants please verify the latest requirements on the official NIA website or their local Chinese embassy/consulate before travel.

(2) Notice for Visa exemption: If your nationality is eligible for visa-free entry and your stay does not exceed the permitted duration, you may attend DREB2026 without applying for a visa. Please refer to the **Conditions for visa-free entry**:

- Must hold a **valid ordinary passport** (Valid at least 6 month when entering China).
- Purpose of visit must match eligible categories (e.g., business, tourism, visits, exchange) — scientists attending conferences qualify under *business/exchange*.
- Typical max stay is **30 days**.
- **No prior visa application is required** for visa-free entry.

Participants entering visa-free are advised to carry:

- **valid ordinary passport (Valid at least 6 month when entering China)**
- Official conference invitation letter (can be requested by sending email to: dreb2026@sustech.edu.cn)
- Round-trip flight itinerary

(3) Standard Visa Application (for Required Nationalities)

If your nationality *requires a visa*, the general process is:

A) Determine Visa Type

Common ones for conference attendees:

- L visa — tourism/travel;
 - M visa — business meetings, conferences;
 - F visa — exchange/visits (non-commercial);
- Check which type best fits your conference participation before applying.

B) Online Application

- Complete the China visa application form (often via China Online Visa Application (COVA) system <https://cova.mfa.gov.cn>).
- Upload required materials (photo, passport data) as instructed.

C) Required Supporting Documents

Typical materials include:

- Valid passport (≥ 6 months validity + blank pages),
- Recent passport-style photo,
- Invitation letter from the conference organizers ((can be requested by sending email to: dreb2026@sustech.edu.cn)
- Travel itinerary (air tickets, hotel bookings),
- Proof of professional affiliation/registration.

Requirements vary by consulate.

D) Submit & Collect

- Visit the designated Chinese embassy/consulate within your visa-issuing region.
- Pay the visa fee (varies by nationality and visa type).
- Biometrics (photo/fingerprint) may be required.

Processing times vary — apply at least 2 months before travel.