

# GEARE SJTU SURVIVAL GUIDE

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## **Apps you NEED TO DOWNLOAD**

- Wechat
- VPN (Obtain BEFORE Arriving in China)
- 美团外卖 (Ordering food)
- 铁路 12306 (Ordering Train tickets)
- Didi (Chinese UBER)
- Ctrip (Ordering Plane tickets)
- Ofo (bike system)
- 货拉拉 (moving luggage and materials to new location)

## **Housing**

First two months will be on Xuhui and the next three will be in Minhang, school will provide you with housing, and if for some chance minhang cannot, contact me or Nikki Xu (coordinator at SJTU for help)

On the internship, if you are working in downtown shanghai, ask Nikki to save you a spot on Xuhui Campus residence for summer. If you are working outside of shanghai, please contact your employer in advance to figure out a suitable location to live in for the time being.

Also, Summer in China is very hot and has a lot of bugs, so it is best to have an air-conditioned room that is not on the first floor. Also. On internship housing, there are no dryers at the homes. You will need to get hangers and air dry everything unless you take your clothes to a nearby laundromat (not common).

## **Things you NEED to do:**

- Obtain a debit card in China. There will be two banks near xuhui campus when you arrive. Please obtain one at either

bank of china or ICBC. There will be service people who can communicate in English.

- Obtain a Chinese phone number. All three major service providers are near the xuhui campus. Get a number and ask for the unlimited plan. (this means you have a large pool of data within shanghai, and 2 GB for the entire country. It should be 88rmb per month. (pay via wechat)
- Please obtain a metro card for shanghai either physical or on your phone as it will be more efficient and cheaper than always calling for taxis.

Note: Once you obtain an X1 visa, it will be easier to travel to hong kong or outside of the country and come back as it allows multiple entries.

**Places to travel to:**

- Nanjing
- Chengdu
- Guangdong
- Shenzhen
- Beijing
- Xi An
- Xia Men
- Chongqing
- Hunan

**DON'T FORGET YOUR CLASSES WILL NOT**  
**HAVE NATIVE ENGLISH-SPEAKING**  
**PROFESSORS. PLEASE STUDY AS WELL!!!!!!!**

**On the first week you get to SJTU, get the visa change from X2 to X1 done immediately**

Resident Registration in Shanghai

If you signed up for the extended visa, these steps are required! When you arrive in Xuhui, there should be an extra sheet (or more) in your packet of papers from the school explaining the process, but I wanted to give you some more details to help clarify some steps (particularly directions to the offices). Take all notes with a grain of salt, they are based on the experiences of the GEARE students from my year – I didn't have any previous notes to compare to, and things change all the time in China.

NOTE: At some point during the process, you may need to take more passport photos. You can get them done when you get the medical exam, but you will only be given enough for the exam paperwork, and they are not free. There is also a booth in the Xuhui metro stop – US style photos are acceptable for all paperwork and cost about 20RMB for a sheet. If you need extra copies made, you can get them at both the clinic and the bureau (cheap, but not free) but it is harder to find copy centers on campus or around.

\* Part 1: Medical Work

o Do not eat the morning before the medical exam! You can drink water, and should take any medications as normal.

o The medical exam takes place at the Shanghai Traveler's Medical Clinic (上海國際旅行衛生保健中心/上海国际旅行卫生保健中心)

\* Make Reservation by calling 6268-8851 or make online reservation: [www.sithc.com](http://www.sithc.com)

\* Address: No. 15 Jin Bang Road (金浜路 15 號), nearest intersection is Jin Bang road and Ha Mi Road (金浜路和哈密路)

\* The clinic will compile a medical report required to register as a resident. This packet can either be mailed or picked up from the clinic (I recommend just going back to pick it up).

\* I recommend taking a taxi there (and probably back – make sure you have the SJTU Faculty Club taxi card) for the first trip. If you decide to do the pick-up option for the report, the nearest metro stop is the Shanghai Zoo stop on Line 10, from this station the walk is about 15 minutes (directions on page 4). Line 10 has two branches, so make sure you get on the train terminating at Hongqiao.

o Bring:

\* Passport and copy

\* Passport photos (3x4 4 copies)

\* SJTU Student ID

\* A copy of your school admission letter (just in case)

\* Address of the Faculty Club Hotel (this will be the mailing address you provide on the forms)

\* Money for fee (500 RMB to 600 RMB, cash)

o The exam will likely include:

\* Height/weight

\* Eyesight

\* X-Rays

\* Ultrasound (for both guys and girls)

\* EKG

\* Bloodwork β why you can't eat beforehand

o How it works:

\* If you need copies made or photos taken go to the building on the left when you enter the compound. If you do not, go straight to the registration desk in the building on the right.

\* Get there early to sign in. Examinations begin around 1:00PM. The line forms FAST. Once you are checked in and exams are starting, you will need to sign in again at an inner room. You will be given a set of hospital clothes to change into and a locker key for your personal belongings. Try not to bring too much with you, as everything MUST go in a locker and you can't bring anything with you past the changing rooms.

\* Each test is performed in a separate room, and the nurse in each room will tell you where to go next

\* Once you finish all tests, change back into your clothes and pay the fee at the desks before leaving.

\* It will be about a week before you can pick up the report. When you do, it will probably be in the building on the left of the entrance.

\* Part 2: Paperwork Submission

o Entry-Exit Bureau (上海出入境管理局)

浦東民生路 1500 號/浦东民生路 1500 号/1500 Min Sheng Road, Pudong

o Bring:

\* Temporary Residence Permit (pink paper)

\* Medical report

\* Passport and copy

\* Passport photos

\* JW202 form (from Eacy)

\* Visa and Residence Permit Application (from Eacy)

\* Admission Notice (From Eacy, or bring a copy)

o Papers will be submitted at the Shanghai Entry/Exit Bureau.

\* Take Metro Line 2 to the Shanghai Science and Technology Museum

\* Directions on page 5

o The desk that you want is on the third floor. See the person there first to confirm what else you need from the following list.

\* To get entered into the system, you need to get a picture taken on the first floor. There will likely be a long line for this, on the right hand side of the hall to the left of the lobby.

\* If you need other copies, the copy center is on the second floor.

\* You will also need to self-address an envelope, which can be bought on the second floor at a desk to the left of the entrance

\* Part 3: Passport Return

o The office will try to return your passports to the mailing address you provided (which should be the Faculty Club). They will not leave them at the desk – there is another fee to pay to get them back, so you have to be there to get them. The front desk will likely not call when they arrive, but if you aren't in, they will let you know later.

o If you do not meet up with the messenger, you can pick them up at an office. The address will be provided in the message left at the front desk of the hotel. If it is in the same place, it will be right next to a subway stop. The building will have several offices in it. There should be an office related to passports and visas...this isn't where your passports are, but someone there can help you get to the right room.