

Step 3: Choose EA vs RA

The JSC runs two streams of admission for eligible students: Early Admission (EA) and Regular Admission (RA).

Contrast	Early Admission (EA)	Regular Admission (RA)
UWC needs-based scholarships	Applicants via EA stream cannot apply for needs-based scholarships.	Applicants via RA stream are eligible for UWC needs-based scholarships.
Open to	1. Non Chinese mainland citizens residing in the mainland of China; 2. Non Chinese mainland citizens residing outside mainland of China who are ineligible to apply to UWC through their local UWC selection process; 3. All Chinese citizens of the mainland of China residing anywhere in the world who only want to apply for 1-year Foundation Programme (FP) or 2-year IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) of UWC Changshu China and who would like an early decision on their application.	1. All Chinese citizens of the mainland of China residing anywhere in the world who want to apply to all 18 UWC schools and colleges, including UWC Changshu China; 2. Not open to non Chinese mainland citizens. Please refer to: https://www.uwc.org/

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Application in the same academic year	May not apply to any other UWC schools and colleges in the same academic year; may not apply via a different admission stream.	
Possible transfer opportunity	FP students who are Chinese citizens may be eligible to be nominated by the JSC to another UWC for their IBDP years.	
	IBDP students are not eligible for a transfer, although some UWC schools and colleges might offer an exchange programme in the future.	

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Appilcation dates	1. Online Application Opens: August 3, 2026 2. Deadline to Apply: October 9, 2026 3. Online Application Results: Middle of October 2026 4. Selection Day: October 31/November 1, 2026 5. Admission Decisions: End of November 2026 6. Acceptance Letters Release: From April 2027 onwards	1. Online Application Opens: August 3, 2026 2. Deadline to Apply: December 11, 2026 3. Online Application Results: End of December 2026 4. Selection Day: January 9/10, 2027 5. Admission Decisions: Before the Chinese New Year 6. Acceptance Letters Release: From April 2027 onwards