China warns students of risks of studying in US

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China warned students and academics on 3 June of the risks involved in studying in the United States. In a statement it highlighted recent problems encountered by students, including limits put on the duration of visas and increasing visa refusals, according to Reuters.

The warning comes amid rising tension over the escalating trade war between the two major powers and US sanctions on Chinese tech giant Huawei and US backing for Taiwan, which China claims.

China’s Ministry of Education reminded students and academics of the need to “strengthen risk assessment before studying abroad, enhance prevention awareness, and make corresponding preparations”.

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The warning could pose a major challenge for US higher education which hosted 360,000 Chinese students in 2017-18. There are reports that the US State Department has tightened review of Chinese applications for student visas, write Nick Anderson and Susan Svrluga for The Washington Post.

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