

DEGREE ORIENTED PROGRAM IN PROVINCES & AUTONOMOUS REGIONS

Degree Oriented Program in Provinces & Autonomous Regions is established by the Ministry of Education of P. R. China (hereinafter referred to as MOE) aiming to strengthen the education exchanges and cooperation between China and its neighboring countries. The education authorities in the provinces and autonomous regions under this program lead the local institutions to carry out the recruitment. China Scholarship Council (hereinafter referred to as CSC), entrusted by the MOE, holds the responsibility of the verification, approval and the routine management of the program.

CATEGORIES OF APPLICANTS AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

Categories of Applicants	Duration of Scholarship
Master's Degree Students	2-3 academic years
Doctoral Degree Students	3-4 academic years

1. The instruction language could be either Chinese or English. Applicants who apply for courses instructed in Chinese are required to take one-year Chinese language course prior to the academic study if their Chinese is not qualified. Only by passing the examinations after the Chinese language course, could they start their academic studies.
2. Scholarship students should complete their study in China within the due time. Scholarship duration specified in the admission notice cannot be extended in principle.
3. The scholarship quota is only for academic year 2010/2011, and it cannot span two academics years.

APPLICATION

Applicants shall apply to Chinese HEIs entrusted by the education authorities in the provinces and autonomous regions undertaking this program within the due period. Applicants may refer to their target Chinese HEIs for the closing date for application.

CRETERIA & ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens in good health.
2. Applicants must not be university students in Chinese universities at the time of application.
3. Education background and age limit:
 - Applicants for master's degree studies must have bachelor's degree and be under the age of 35.
 - Applicants for doctoral degree studies must have master's degree and be under the age of 40.

VALUES OF SCHOLARSHIP

- Exempt from registration fee, tuition fee, fee for laboratory experiment, fee for internship, and fee for basic learning materials, free accommodation on campus;
- Living allowance;
- One-off settlement subsidy after registration;
- Fee for outpatient medical service, Comprehensive Medical Insurance and Benefit Plan for International Students in China.

Note:

- 1) Costs of the laboratory experiment or internship that beyond the university's arrangements should be self-afforded.

2) Fee for basic learning materials ONLY covers the necessary learning materials prescribed by the host institution, and other textbooks and materials shall be self afforded.

3) Monthly living allowance is granted to the students through the host institution at the following rates (CNY Yuan per month):

- Undergraduates: CNY 1,400 Yuan

- Master's degree students: CNY 1,700 Yuan

- Doctoral degree students: CNY 2,000 Yuan

Scholarship students shall receive their monthly living allowance after registration. New students who register before 15th (15th included) of the registration month will get the full amount of the living allowance of that month, and those who register after 15th will get half amount. The graduates will get a living allowance for another 15 days after the graduation date set by the university. The allowance will be terminated from the next month after students suspend their studies, drop school or complete schooling from the university. Monthly living allowance covers school holidays. Scholarship students who missed the monthly living allowance during holidays could be reimbursed upon return on campus. The allowance will be suspended for one month if students do not register on time without permission from the university in advance, leave for non-health reasons or are absent from the university over a month. Students who have to suspend their studies for health reasons should go back to their home countries for treatment. The international travel expenses should be covered by the students themselves. With the university's approval, the scholarship status can be reserved for up to one year, and their living allowances will be suspended during their leave. The scholarship status will not be reserved for those who suspend their studies for other reasons.

4) New students will get one-off settlement subsidy upon their arrival in China.

- CNY 1,000 Yuan for new students who will study in China up to one academic year

- CNY 1,500 Yuan for new students who will study in China above one academic year

5) Fee for outpatient medical service refers to the outpatient expense in the institution's hospital or the hospitals appointed by the institution. The students are required to share a certain percentage of expense in accordance with the institution's relevant regulations.

6) Comprehensive Medical Insurance and Benefit Plan for International Students in China is provided by MOE for the scholarship students in China in case of hospitalizing for serious diseases and accidental injuries. The institutions or the appointed medical assistance agencies provide advancement service for insurance expenses, and claim for compensation with relevant payment receipts from the insurance company according to the stipulated insurance articles. For scholarship students, the individual claim will not be accepted by the insurance company.

7) International travel expenses: self-afforded.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

The applicants must fill in and provide the following documents truly, correctly and completely (in duplicate)

1. *Application Form for Chinese Government Scholarship* (filled in Chinese or in English)

Those who are available for online application shall fill in and print the application form after submitting it online.

The CSC Online Application System for Study in China is available on <http://laihua.csc.edu.cn>

Those who cannot apply online shall fill in the application form printed by CSC.

2. Highest diploma (notarized photocopy): University students or applicants employed shall provide proof of studying or employment on application. Documents in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized translations in Chinese or English.
3. Academic transcripts (notarized photocopy): Transcripts in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized translations in Chinese or English.
4. Study or research plan: in Chinese or in English, no less than 800 words.
5. Recommendation letters: Two letters of recommendation in Chinese or English from professors or associate professors.
6. Applicants for music studies are requested to submit a CD of the applicants' own works. Applicants for fine arts must submit a CD of the applicants' own works (including two sketches, two color paintings and two other works).
7. Photocopy of Foreigner Physical Examination Form (The original copy should be kept by the applicant. The form printed by Chinese quarantine authority could be downloaded from <http://www.csc.edu.cn>) The medical examinations must cover all the items listed in the Foreigner Physical Examination Form. Incomplete records or those without the signature of the attending physician, the official stamp of the hospital or a sealed photograph of the applicants are invalid. Please select the appropriate time to take medical examination due to the 6-months validity of the medical results.

Applicants are required to submit their application documents to the Chinese HEIs undertaking this program. CSC does not accept individual applications.

APPROVAL AND NOTIFICATION

1. Chinese HEIs and the provincial education authorities undertaking this program shall review all applications and provide CSC the nominations for agreement.
2. The education authorities in the provinces and autonomous regions undertaking this program are required to send photocopies of the application documents including Application Form for Chinese Government Scholarship, highest diploma, and Foreigner Physical Examination Form, Nomination of Accepted Students, Admission Notice and Visa Application Form for Study in China (JW201) (in duplicate) to CSC by the end of April 2010 for verification and approval.
3. CSC will review above documents and issue Visa Application Form for Study in China (JW201) to the qualified nominees.
4. CSC will send the Final List of Accepted Students, Admission Notice and Visa Application Form for Study in China (JW201) to the education authorities in the provinces and autonomous regions under this program by the end of June, 2010, who will forward the documents to the institutions. Students will be informed the application result by the institutions.
5. Regulations for international students under the Chinese Government Scholarship Program will apply to the students under this scholarship scheme. Scholarship awardees are not allowed to change their institutions as well as their academic programs or the duration of study specified in the Admission Notice.