

CHINESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP (CGS) - Bilateral Program

DEADLINE

March 15, 2018

MISSION

In order to promote the mutual understanding, cooperation, and exchanges in various fields between China and other countries, the Chinese government has set up a series of scholarship programs to sponsor international students to study in of the 279 designated Chinese universities (see <http://www.csc.edu.cn/studyinchina> or <http://www.campuschina.org> for accepted universities/programs). The scholarship Program currently only covers universities in mainland China (not Hong Kong or Macau)

ELIGIBILITY

- U.S. citizen in good health
- High school graduate under the age of 25 for undergraduate programs
- Bachelor's degree holder under 35 for master's programs
- Master's degree holder under 40 for doctoral programs
- Under 45 and at least two years of undergraduate study for general scholar programs
- Master's degree holder or an associate professor (or above) under 50 for senior scholar programs

SCHOLARSHIP COVERAGE

1) Tuition waiver

2) Accommodation (Usually a twin dormitory room if on campus living is required; if the host university permits students to live off campus, the university will provide monthly accommodation subsidy (undergraduate and master's students CNY 700; doctoral students CNY 1000)

3) Monthly Stipend (undergrads CNY 2500; master's CNY 3000; doctoral students CNY 3500)

4) Medical Insurance (visit <http://www.csc.edu.cn/studyinchina> or <http://www.campuschina.org> and refer to Comprehensive Insurance & Protection Scheme for Foreigners in China for insurance policy)

* Scholarships do not cover visa fees and international travel fees

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Virginia Tech offers two Chinese Government Scholarships to VT students per academic year. However, if there are really good candidates, they can accept 3 or 4.

POSSIBLE DURATIONS

- One semester: fall semester (Sep 2018 - Jan 2019); spring semester (March 2019 - July 2019)
- One-year Chinese language and culture study
- Degree programs (Bachelor, Master's and Doctoral Degree programs)

*Currently, scholarships cannot sponsor terms shorter than one semester

INSTRUCTION LANGUAGE

- You can register for either Chinese-taught programs or English-taught programs if available
- If you choose Chinese-taught programs, you need to meet the host university language requirements
- Find universities/programs at <http://www.csc.edu.cn/studyinchina> or <http://www.campuschina.org>

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

STEP 1: APPLY ONLINE

- Go to Visit <http://www.csc.edu.cn/laihua> or www.campuschina.org
- Use Firefox or Internet Explorer 11.0 (menu selection functions may not work in other browsers)
- Only Chinese and English are accepted languages to complete the online application
- Please make sure that your name on the application form is consistent with your name on your passport (this is very important for the later visa application)
- Click "*Scholarship Application Online for International Students*"
- Read "*Tips for online application*" carefully before clicking "NEXT" to the registration page
- Click on "*Create an account*" for registration
- Fill in the correct **Program Category: Type A**
- Fill in the correct **Agency Number: 8401** (the name of the agency will automatically emerge)
- Fill in the Online Application Form
- Upload supporting documents following the steps listed on the left of the page
 - o You have to select a discipline before choosing majors. You can refer to the Disciplines Index (under "*Help*")
 - o Only the listed Chinese higher education institutions in the Directory are available for your study in China.
 - o To find your most desired university, you can look on each university's website, search for the courses, and see if they are taught in English if so desired
 - o Majors should be offered by Chinese universities and be based on your actual educational background. The duration of the Major study should match the program you apply for.
- Click "*Submit*" to submit your Application
- Make changes to your application by clicking "*Withdraw and Edit the Application*" on the top of the page. But make sure to submit it again by clicking "*Submit*" after making the changes.
- Download the completed Application Form by clicking "*Print the Application Form*"

STEP 2: PREPARE APPLICATION DOCUMENTS (hard copy, in duplicate)

- Printed Application Form (which was filled out online – see above)
- Highest diploma (photocopy) Diplomas not in English should be translated and notarized
- Academic transcripts
- A Study Plan or Research Proposal (minimum of 300 words for undergraduates, 500 words for non-degree students, and 800 words for postgraduates). You must state in detail your motivation to study in China, your interest in learning/researching the targeted subject, your early studies on the subject, what you plan to learn/research in the following years, the academic fit of your targeted university in China. A good plan shows your academic competency and the right attitude proving you are the right candidate.
- Two letters of recommendation from (associate) professors (who know you well) if applying to graduate programs (Note: recommendation letters for undergraduate programs are not mandatory, however, providing letters increase your chances of being selected)
- CD of your own works (if applying for music studies)
- CD of your own work (including 2 sketches, 2 color paintings and 2 other works) (for fine arts programs)
- If under 18, you should submit valid documents of your legal guardians in China
- If planning to stay in China for more than 6 months you must submit a photocopy of the Foreigner Physical Examination Form (see attachment) completed in English (keep the original for your records as you will need it for the visa application). Incomplete records or those without the signature, the official hospital stamp or a sealed photograph of the applicants are invalid. Please select the appropriate time to take physical examination as the result is valid for only 6 months
- Pre-admission Letter from designated universities (if available)
- Valid HSK Certificate (Chinese Proficiency Test), IELTS or TOFEL report (if applicable)
- If already enrolled in a Chinese university in the 2017/2018 academic year, include a permission letter to continue your study (issued by your host university)

Please note:

- The documents should be arranged in a certain order (one copy of each): 1. application form 2. photocopy of notarized highest diploma 3. Academic transcripts 4. Study plan/research proposal 5. recommendation letters 6. Own music / art work (if applicable) 7. Documents of legal guardians in China (if applicable) 8. Physical Examination Form 9. Admission Letter (if available) 10. HSK Certificate (if applicable).
- Documents in languages other than Chinese or English must have notarized Chinese or English translations
- Application documents will not be returned regardless of the result

STEP 3: SUBMIT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

March 15: Deadline to send the full package of application documents (in duplicate) to:

<p>Marielle Wijnands Global Education Office 526 Prices Fork Road (0378) Blacksburg, VA 24061, USA</p>
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STEP 4: PLACEMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP CONFIRMATION

- **After March 15:** The Global Education Office will select 2 candidates based on GPA and the application (Study Plan or Research Proposal, and letters of recommendation if applicable). All applicants will be notified whether they've been selected.
- **Begin April:** If approved by the *Education Office of the Chinese Embassy (Washington D.C.)* the 2 selected candidates will receive an "Award Letter for Chinese Government Scholarship Candidate"
 - o You can use the Award Letter, which proves that you are eligible for the 2018/19 CGS, to directly contact your targeted Chinese universities for admission. This might result in receiving admission letter(s) from Chinese universities which could increase your chances of receiving a scholarship, and getting into your preferred university.
- **April 25:** As soon as you get the (pre-) admission letter(s), if there is a place to upload the (pre-) admission letter(s) on the on-line application system, please upload as required. Meanwhile, please send the scanned copy to: chenli@sino-education.org
- **May 1:** Your application will be mailed to the China Scholarship Council (CSC) in Beijing which will forward the application to universities for placement approval
 - o Applications with a specific pre-admission letter will be sent to the universities who issued that letter
 - o Applications without pre-admission letters will be sent to universities based on the China Scholarship Council's judgement, however acceptance into the preferred universities can't be guaranteed. The China Scholarship Council reserves the right to make necessary adjustments to the candidate's host university, field of study, and duration of the scholarship.
- **End of July:** If you are a scholarship winner, you will receive your scholarship confirmation (including the formal Admission Letter and the Student-visa Application Form JW 201)
- You could apply for visa and get ready to go to China in **August 2018**

STEP 5: APPLY FOR VISA

- You should apply for a visa at the Chinese embassy or consulate-general with the original documents and photocopies of the admission letter, visa application (JW201), Foreigner Physical Examination Form and a valid passport (X1 visa for more than 6 months in China, or X2 visa for up to 6 months)
- Without a visa, you won't be able to register with institutions, nor will you be able to apply for the residence permit in China

STEP 6: REGISTER AT HOST UNIVERSITY

- You must register at your host university before the deadline as specified in the original Admission Letter. If you fail to register you will automatically lose your scholarship.

UPON ARRIVAL IN CHINA

HEALTH VERIFICATION: If staying in China for more than 6 months you must submit the original documents (passport, Admission Letter, Foreigner Physical Examination Form, and Blood Test Report to the local health quarantine office to have your physical examination report verified. If you do not meet this requirement you will be required to re-take the physical examination.

RESIDENCE PERMIT: You must apply for a residence permit at the local police authority within 30 days upon arrival. Required documents are passport, Admission Letter, Visa Form (JW201), verified health report, and a photo that meets the image requirements of the authority. Staying without registration is illegal and will lead to fines.

RESOURCES

<http://www.csc.edu.cn/Laihua/indexen.aspx> or <http://www.campuschina.org/indexen.aspx>

Introduction on Chinese Government Scholarship

<http://www.campuschina.org/scholarshipdetailen.aspx?cid=97&id=2070>

Eligible Chinese Universities

<http://www.campuschina.org/universityen.aspx>

Eligible programs

<http://www.campuschina.org/programsearchen.aspx>

About China

<http://www.campuschina.org/aboutchinaen.aspx>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

<http://www.campuschina.org/newslisten.aspx?cid=66>

If I am not a U.S. citizen/ an international student in the U.S., can I apply for the scholarships?

The scholarships offered by the Education office of the Embassy of China in the U.S are generally for U.S. citizens only. We have similar scholarship programs in some other countries as well. We highly recommend that you contact the Chinese Embassy in your country of origin to ask about it.

Is the physical examination necessary?

Yes. Some items on the physical exam form may be difficult to understand for foreigners. Our main concern is to prevent infectious diseases being brought to China. For example, chest X-ray is required for tuberculosis, blood test for AIDs and Syphilis and others epidemic diseases.

Some diseases may be rare in the U.S. for years. Unless there is a must, doctors wouldn't sign those tests. Under these circumstances, we hereby confirm that you may not need these tests if your doctor thinks you are in perfect health. However, your doctor is required and highly appreciated to fill out the physical exam form properly with "OK" or "Good" etc., together with his/her signature or the stamp of the hospital.

For items like "nose", "eye", "ears", "extremities", your doctor can simply fill out "normal" or "abnormal", together with his/her signature or the stamp of the hospital. As long as the form bears a doctor's signature or the stamp of a hospital, it will be accepted.

* Applicants who are already in China and hold student visa needs no extra physical exam if you had one already. Please do include 1 copy of your *residence permits in China* into your application package.

What if I will get my bachelor/master degrees in the coming June or July, 2018?

If you are getting you diploma (bachelor, master) in the coming June or July, 2018, please enclose a certificate/letter from your school (with stamps of the school or signature of director/president/dean), together with the academic transcript which can prove you will graduate soon.

Is the "(Pre)-Admission Letter" from a Chinese University necessary?

A pre-admission letter will increase your chance of success, and you are most likely to get into your targeted university. If you don't get any admission letter, that's fine. Every year applicants apply without it.

Can I deliver the application package in person to the Embassy of China in Washington D.C.?

Please do not deliver your application materials in person to our Embassy or the Education office of the Embassy. Please mail the materials to the provided address.