

FAQ for Chinese Government Scholarship Program

1. What category does your scholarship program fall into?

The scholarships offered by our office (the education office of the Chinese Embassy) belong to “Bilateral Program”, **NOT** “Chinese University Program”. Some Chinese universities do have their own scholarship programs for international students. But they recruit students without going through our office.

2. 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.

3. Do I have to get my diploma and transcript(s) notarized?

For applicants whose diploma and transcript(s) are originally in English, they do **NOT** have to have them notarized. If your diploma and transcript(s) are not in English, please have them translated into English or Chinese, and please have them notarized.

4. What kind of programs can I apply?

The students can apply for either **long-term** (Bachelor, Master's and Doctoral) programs, or **short term** programs, such as one-year Chinese language and culture program.

They can also apply for **one-semester program**. For the academic year 2018/19, the Chinese fall semester is roughly from September 2018 to January 2019, the spring semester from March 2019 to July 2019. **The students can choose either fall semester or spring semester.**

Currently, our scholarships cannot sponsor shorter terms than one semester.

5. What is the “Agency Number” and “Program Category” on the application form?

Our **“Agency Number” is: 8401. “Program Category” is : Type A**

6. Do I have to use my full name on the application form?

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.

7. Is the physical examination necessary? Where should I do it?

Yes. Physical Exam Form is **a must** in your application documents. You can do it at any qualified hospital; the form must bear the stamps of the hospital or the signature of the doctor.

Note: please select an appropriate time to take the exam because it is only valid for 6 months.

Please send us the photocopy and keep the original for visa application.

You could send us the scanned version through email (chenli@sino-education.org) if your physical exam took place late and you can send the rest of the application package first)

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

8. What if I have no high school diploma? What if I will get my bachelor/master degrees in the coming June or July, 2018?

For language students, a high school diploma is the lowest threshold. If you are to get you diploma (e.g.: high school, 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.

9. Is the “(Pre)-Admission Letter” from a Chinese University necessary?

You are encouraged to directly contact Chinese universities for admission when you receive the Award Letter from our office. Please enclose the pre-admission letter in your application package which will increase your chance of sucess, and you are most likely to get into your target university which has issued the pre-admission letter to you.

You could send the scanned version of the (pre-) admission letter(s) through email :chenli@sino-education.org. Please also upload it onto the application system if there is a place to upload it.

If you don't get any admission letter, that's fine. Every year, some applicants apply without it.

10.Do I have to provide recommendation letters?

Recommendation letters must be provided if you apply for senior scholars, master or doctor degree programs. The letters should be written in English or Chinese by professors or associate professors, or people of importance that know you. It's not absolutely required for others program applicants (language or bachelor degree study). However we highly recommend that you provide them to increase your chances of being selected.

11.What is the Study/ Research Plan?

A Study/Research plan should include: your motivation to study in China; why you are interested in learning/researching the targeting subject (e.g.: Chinese language and culture; China's urbanization & industrialization; Green Energy etc.); you plan to learn/research in the following years; your early studies on the subject, the strength of your target university in China. A well-elaborated study/research plan shows your academic competency and the right attitude which will convince CSC and the university that you are the right candidate.

* A minimum of 300 words for undergraduates, 500 words for non-graduates and 800 words for postgraduates.

12.Can I apply for studying in Hong Kong or Macau Universities?

The scholarship Program currently only covers universities in mainland China.

13.How should I choose universities and majors?

Please log onto <http://www.csc.edu.cn/laihua/universityen.aspx> for information. Only the listed Chinese higher education insitutions in the Directory are available for your study in China. To find your most desired HEI, you can look into each university's websites, searching for the courses you are most interested in (in what language the program is taught). Consult alumni through Face book/Twitter and other media if available.

14. What is the admission procedure like? Why sometimes applicants are not admitted to their desired universities?

The applications will be regarded as invalid and will not be accepted if they fail to meet the eligibility or the application documents are incomplete. CSC will assess all the applications and forward the qualified applicants to target universities for final decision.

CSC reserves the right to make necessary adjustments on the proposed institutions, majors and duration of study. Please note that all higher

education institutions under our scholarship program are well selected by the Chinese government.

15. More information on the Foreigner Physical Examination Form

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.

16.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. Thank you.