

China Study Pathways

The Complete 2025 Guide
for Undergraduates, Masters & PhDs



Types of Scholarships & Deadlines

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THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO STUDYING IN CHINA WITH SCHOLARSHIPS

Your Essential Handbook for 2026 Intake

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1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to your complete guide for studying in China! China is rapidly becoming one of the world's top destinations for international students, hosting over **500,000 international students** with more than **50,000** studying on full scholarships.

Why Study in China?

- **Generous Scholarships:** Over 50,000 full scholarships annually
- **Affordable Education:** Lower tuition than Western countries
- **World-Class Universities:** 100+ universities in global rankings
- **Economic Powerhouse:** Access to Asia's largest economy
- **Cultural Experience:** 5,000 years of history and culture
- **Career Opportunities:** Growing job market for multilingual graduates
- **No IELTS Required:** Many scholarships accept English proficiency certificates

Key Facts for 2026:

- **280+ Universities** offering scholarships
 - **Full Scholarships Available** for Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD
 - **Monthly Stipends:** 2,500-7,000 RMB (US\$350-1,000)
 - **Application Period:** November 2025 - April 2026
 - **Multiple Application Tracks:** Government, Provincial, University
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2. UNDERSTANDING CHINESE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Types of Institutions

Project 985 Universities (Top 39)

- Elite research universities
- Examples: Peking University, Tsinghua University, Fudan University
- Most competitive admissions

Project 211 Universities (116 total)

- Key national universities

- Strong research capabilities
- Examples: Beijing Normal University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Provincial Key Universities

- High-quality regional institutions
- Often easier admission than 985/211
- Good scholarship opportunities

Specialized Universities

- Focus on specific fields (language, medicine, engineering)
- Examples: Beijing Language and Culture University, China Medical University

Academic Structure

Degree Levels:

- **Bachelor's Degree:** 4 years (Medicine: 5-6 years)
- **Master's Degree:** 2-3 years
- **Doctoral Degree (PhD):** 3-4 years
- **Non-Degree Programs:** 6 months - 2 years

Academic Calendar:

- **Fall/September Intake:** Begins September (MAIN INTAKE - 90% of programs)
- **Spring/March Intake:** Begins March (Limited programs, 10%)

Teaching Languages:

- Chinese-taught programs (majority)
- English-taught programs (increasing, especially for international students)
- Bilingual programs

3. STUDENT VISA (X1/X2 VISA) INFORMATION

Types of Student Visas

X1 Visa (Long-term)

- For study periods **over 6 months**
- Must be converted to residence permit within 30 days of arrival
- Allows multiple entries

X2 Visa (Short-term)

- For study periods **under 6 months**
- No residence permit needed
- Good for language programs

X1 Visa Requirements

1. **Passport:** Valid for at least 6 months, with blank pages
2. **JW201 or JW202 Form** (Visa Application for Study in China)
 - **JW201:** For scholarship students
 - **JW202:** For self-funded students
3. **Admission Notice:** From Chinese university
4. **Physical Examination Form:** Completed by approved physician
5. **Non-Criminal Record:** From local police (within 6 months)
6. **Passport Photos:** Recent color photos
7. **Visa Application Form:** Completed online
8. **Proof of Financial Support:** For self-funded students

Application Process

Step 1: Get admitted and receive admission documents (June-July) **Step 2:** Complete physical examination (July) **Step 3:** Obtain non-criminal record (July-August) **Step 4:** Apply at Chinese Embassy/Consulate (July-August) **Step 5:** Collect visa (1-2 weeks processing) **Step 6:** Travel to China (late August) **Step 7:** Convert X1 to residence permit (within 30 days)

Important Notes

- **Processing Time:** 4-7 working days (express available)
- **Cost:** Varies by country (US\$30-140)
- **Multiple Entries:** X1 visa is usually single entry until converted
- **Residence Permit Duration:** Usually matches scholarship/study period

4. COMPREHENSIVE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

4.1 CHINESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP (CSC)

Official Website: <http://www.csc.edu.cn/studyinchina>

Application Portal: <https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn>

Overview

The Chinese Government Scholarship (CGS), administered by China Scholarship Council (CSC), is the largest and most prestigious scholarship program for international students. Over **10,000 scholarships** awarded annually.

Types of CSC Scholarships

Type A: Bilateral Program

- Agreement between Chinese government and your country
- Apply through your country's education ministry or Chinese embassy
- **Apply to:** Dispatching authority in your home country
- **Agency Number:** 4581 (varies by embassy)

Type B: Chinese University Program

- Direct application to university
- University recommends to CSC
- **Apply to:** University directly
- **Agency Number:** Unique for each university (see list below)
- **279 universities** participate

Type C: Great Wall Program

- Through UNESCO National Commission
- For general and senior scholars
- Research-focused

Type D: EU Program

- For EU member states
- Through China-EU cooperation

Type E: AUN Program

- ASEAN University Network Program
- For ASEAN countries only

Type F: PIF Program

- Pacific Island Forum
- For Pacific Island countries

CSC Scholarship Benefits

Full Scholarship (Type A) Includes:

- **Tuition:** Fully covered
- **Accommodation:** Free dormitory (shared room)
- **Monthly Stipend:**
 - Undergraduate: 2,500 RMB/month (~\$350 USD)
 - Master's: 3,000 RMB/month (~\$425 USD)
 - PhD: 3,500 RMB/month (~\$500 USD)
- **Comprehensive Medical Insurance:** Basic coverage
- **One-time Settlement Allowance:** Upon arrival

Partial Scholarship (Type B):

- One or two items from above (varies by university)

Eligibility Requirements

Age Limits:

- **Undergraduate:** Under 25 years
- **Master's:** Under 35 years
- **PhD:** Under 40 years
- **General Scholar:** Under 45 years

- **Senior Scholar:** Under 50 years

Academic Requirements:

- **Undergraduate:** High school diploma
- **Master's:** Bachelor's degree
- **PhD:** Master's degree (some accept Bachelor's directly)

Language Requirements:

- **Chinese-taught programs:** HSK 4 or above (Master's/PhD)
- **English-taught programs:** English proficiency certificate or IELTS/TOEFL

Health Requirements:

- Must pass physical examination
- No contagious diseases

Application Timeline for Fall 2026

Date	Activity
November 2025	Start preparing documents
December 15, 2025	Applications open
January 2026	Contact universities for pre-admission
January-February 2026	Submit online applications
February-April 2026	Deadline (varies by university/embassy)
March-April 2026	Universities send recommendations to CSC
May-June 2026	CSC reviews and approves
June-July 2026	Receive admission notice & JW201
July-August 2026	Apply for visa
Late August-Early September 2026	Arrive in China

Required Documents

1. **CSC Application Form:** From online system
2. **Passport Copy:** Information page
3. **Notarized Diploma:** Highest degree (with English/Chinese translation)
4. **Academic Transcripts:** Notarized

5. **Pre-Admission Letter:** From university (highly recommended)

6. **Study Plan or Research Proposal:**

- Undergraduate: 200+ words
- Master's/PhD: 800+ words

7. **Recommendation Letters:** 2 letters (for Master's/PhD) from professors

8. **Language Certificate:**

- HSK for Chinese-taught programs
- IELTS/TOEFL or English proficiency certificate

9. **Foreigner Physical Examination Form:** Completed

10. **Non-Criminal Record:** Recent (within 6 months)

11. **Published Papers:** If available (for Master's/PhD)

Top 20 Universities for CSC (Agency Numbers)

University	Agency Number	Location
Peking University	10001	Beijing
Tsinghua University	10003	Beijing
Fudan University	10246	Shanghai
Shanghai Jiao Tong University	10248	Shanghai
Zhejiang University	10335	Hangzhou
Nanjing University	10284	Nanjing
Beijing Normal University	10027	Beijing
Wuhan University	10486	Wuhan
Xi'an Jiaotong University	10698	Xi'an
Shandong University	10422	Jinan
Harbin Institute of Technology	10213	Harbin
Tongji University	10247	Shanghai
Beihang University	10006	Beijing
Renmin University	10002	Beijing
Southeast University	10286	Nanjing
Sun Yat-sen University	10558	Guangzhou
Beijing Institute of Technology	10007	Beijing
Tianjin University	10056	Tianjin
Nankai University	10055	Tianjin
Dalian University of Technology	10141	Dalian

Full List (279 universities): <http://www.csc.edu.cn/chuguo/s/1514>

How to Apply

For Type A (Bilateral):

1. Check if your country has bilateral agreement
2. Contact Chinese embassy in your country
3. Submit application through embassy
4. **Deadline:** Usually January-February

For Type B (University Program):

1. Choose 3 universities

2. Get pre-admission letter (contact supervisor/admission office)
 3. Apply online at <https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn>
 4. Fill separate form for each university
 5. Upload documents
 6. Send hard copies to universities (some require)
 7. **Deadline:** February-April (varies by university)
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4.2 ANSO SCHOLARSHIP (CAS-ANSO)

Official Website: <https://www.anso.org.cn>

UCAS Application: <https://english.ucas.ac.cn>

USTC Application: <https://en.ustc.edu.cn>

Overview

ANSO (Alliance of International Science Organizations) Scholarship is one of China's most prestigious research scholarships, offered by Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS). Focus on **STEM fields** only.

Annual Awards: 500 scholarships

- **200 Master's scholarships**
- **300 PhD scholarships**

Host Institutions

1. **University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS)**
 - Ranked #1 in China, #17 globally (ESI 2024)
 - 100+ CAS institutes for research
2. **University of Science and Technology of China (USTC)**
 - Top 5 in China for sciences
 - Located in Hefei, Anhui Province
3. **CAS Institutes:** 100+ research institutes nationwide

ANSO Scholarship Benefits (Fully Funded)

Master's Students:

- **Tuition:** Fully waived
- **Monthly Stipend:** 3,000 RMB/month (~\$425 USD)
- **Duration:** Up to 36 months
- **Accommodation:** Provided
- **Medical Insurance:** Comprehensive
- **One-time Travel Allowance:** Airfare reimbursement (home to China)

PhD Students:

- **Tuition:** Fully waived
- **Monthly Stipend:** 6,000-7,000 RMB/month (~\$850-1,000 USD)
 - 6,000 RMB before qualification exam
 - 7,000 RMB after passing qualification exam
- **Duration:** Up to 48 months
- **Accommodation:** Provided
- **Medical Insurance:** Comprehensive
- **One-time Travel Allowance:** Airfare reimbursement

Note: If already in China, no travel allowance provided

Special Category: ANSO-CAS-TWAS/UNESCO PhD Scholarship

For: PhD students from **developing countries** (LDCs especially)

- **40 scholarships annually**
- Same benefits as regular ANSO PhD
- Items 1-4 sponsored by CAS
- Items 5-6 (travel & insurance) sponsored by TWAS/UNESCO
- **Priority:** Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and women

Eligibility Requirements

General Requirements:

- **Citizenship:** Non-Chinese nationals

- **Language:** Proficiency in English or Chinese
- **Age:**
 - **Master's:** Born after January 1, 1995 (under 30)
 - **PhD:** Born after January 1, 1990 (under 35)
- **Academic:** Meet UCAS/USTC admission requirements
- **Commitment:** Cannot take other assignments during scholarship

Disqualifications:

- Currently pursuing Master's in China (for Master's program)
- Currently pursuing PhD in China (for PhD program)
- Applying to both UCAS and USTC simultaneously

Fields of Study (STEM Only)

Available Programs:

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Mathematics
- Computer Science
- Material Science
- Environmental Science
- Earth Sciences
- Engineering (all disciplines)
- Astronomy
- Life Sciences
- Agricultural Sciences
- Medical Sciences

NOT Available:

- Business/MBA

- Humanities
- Social Sciences
- Arts
- Law

Application Timeline for Fall 2026

Date	Activity
September-October 2025	Research supervisors and programs
October 20, 2025	Applications open
November 2025-January 2026	Contact potential supervisors
December 2025-February 2026	Prepare and submit applications
February 15, 2026	DEADLINE (Beijing Time)
March-May 2026	Evaluation process
May-June 2026	Results announced
June-July 2026	Admission documents sent
September 2026	Program begins

Required Documents

1. **ANSO Application Form:** Online system
2. **Passport Copy:** Information page (valid until March 2027)
3. **Highest Diploma:** Notarized
 - Master's applicants: Bachelor's degree
 - PhD applicants: Master's degree
4. **Academic Transcripts:** Complete, notarized
5. **Research Proposal:** Detailed
 - Master's: 2-3 pages
 - PhD: 5-10 pages
6. **Recommendation Letters:** 2 letters from professors
7. **English Proficiency:** Certificate or test scores (IELTS/TOEFL not mandatory)
8. **Acceptance Letter:** From CAS supervisor (HIGHLY IMPORTANT)

9. **CV/Resume:** Academic and research experience

10. **Publications:** If available

How to Apply

Step 1: Choose Institution

- UCAS or USTC (NOT both)

Step 2: Find Supervisor

- Browse faculty profiles
- Email potential supervisors (3-6 months before deadline)
- Discuss research interests
- Obtain acceptance/support letter

Step 3: Apply Online

- **UCAS:** <https://admission.ucas.ac.cn>
- **USTC:** <https://apply.ustc.edu.cn>
- Create account
- Fill application
- Upload documents

Step 4: Submit by Deadline

- **February 15, 2026, 23:59 Beijing Time**

Step 5: Track Application

- Check application portal regularly

4.3 PROVINCIAL & MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Overview

Provincial and municipal governments offer scholarships to attract international students. **25+ provincial/municipal scholarships** available. Generally easier to obtain than CSC.

Major Provincial Scholarships

1. Beijing Government Scholarship

- **Official:** <http://www.bjedu.gov.cn>
- **Universities:** 28 universities in Beijing
- **Annual Awards:** 300+ scholarships
- **Amount:** Up to 40,000 RMB/year
- **Deadline:** Usually February 28
- **Application:** Through Beijing universities directly

2. Shanghai Government Scholarship (SGS)

- **Official:** <http://www.shmec.gov.cn>
- **Types:** Type A (Full), Type B (Partial)
- **Type A:** Tuition + accommodation + insurance + monthly stipend
- **Type B:** Tuition + insurance only
- **Amount:** Varies by program
- **Universities:** 30+ Shanghai universities
- **Deadline:** Usually February-March
- **Note:** NO language program scholarships

3. Jiangsu Jasmine Scholarship

- **Official:** <http://www.jsjyt.edu.cn>
- **Amount:**
 - Bachelor's: 20,000 RMB/year
 - Master's: 30,000 RMB/year
 - PhD: 40,000 RMB/year
- **Full Scholarship Option:** Tuition + accommodation + 1,500 RMB/month
- **Universities:** 50+ Jiangsu universities
- **Deadline:** March 31
- **Competitive** but high success rate

4. Zhejiang Provincial Government Scholarship

- **Universities:** Zhejiang University, Zhejiang University of Technology, etc.
- **Amount:** 20,000-40,000 RMB/year
- **Deadline:** March-April

5. Guangdong Provincial Government Outstanding International Students Scholarship

- **Universities:** Sun Yat-sen University, South China University of Technology, etc.
- **Amount:** 30,000 RMB/year (postgraduate)
- **Competitive**

6. Liaoning Government Scholarship

- **Universities:** Dalian University of Technology, Northeastern University
- **Amount:** 20,000-30,000 RMB/year

7. Fujian Provincial Government Scholarship

- **Universities:** Xiamen University, Fuzhou University
- **Amount:** 15,000-30,000 RMB/year

8. Chongqing Mayor Scholarship

- **Universities:** Chongqing University, Southwest University
- **Amount:** 20,000 RMB/year

9. Yunnan Provincial Government Scholarship

- **Universities:** Yunnan University
- **Amount:** 15,000-25,000 RMB/year

10. Shandong Provincial Government Scholarship

- **Universities:** Shandong University, Ocean University of China
- **Amount:** 20,000-40,000 RMB/year

11. Hubei Provincial Government Scholarship

- **Universities:** Wuhan University, Huazhong University of Science and Technology
- **Amount:** 15,000-30,000 RMB/year

12. Henan Provincial Government Scholarship

- **Universities:** Zhengzhou University
- **Amount:** 20,000 RMB/year

13. Heilongjiang Provincial Government Scholarship

- **Universities:** Harbin Institute of Technology
- **Amount:** 15,000-25,000 RMB/year

14. Ningxia Government Scholarship

- **Universities:** Ningxia University
- **Amount:** 15,000 RMB/year

15. Ningbo Government Scholarship

- **Universities:** Ningbo University
- **Amount:** 10,000-20,000 RMB/year

Common Features

Coverage Options:

- **Full:** Tuition + accommodation + insurance + stipend
- **Partial:** Tuition only or Tuition + accommodation

Application Process:

- Apply directly to university
- No separate provincial application (usually)
- University nominates to provincial government

Advantages:

- Less competitive than CSC
- Faster results
- Can combine with university scholarships

4.4 UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Overview

Individual universities offer their own scholarships. **150+ universities** have scholarship programs. Often easier to obtain and can be combined with other scholarships.

Top University Scholarships

1. Tsinghua University Scholarship

- **Full Scholarship:** Full tuition + accommodation + stipend
- **Application:** <https://www.tsinghua.edu.cn>
- **Competitive:** Very high

2. Peking University Scholarship

- **Presidential Scholarship:** Full funding
- **Yan Jing Scholarship:** For graduate students
- **Application:** <https://www.pku.edu.cn>

3. Fudan University Scholarship

- **Full + Partial options**
- **Application:** <http://www.fso.fudan.edu.cn>

4. Shanghai Jiao Tong University Scholarship

- **Amount:** 20,000-60,000 RMB/year
- **Application:** <http://www.sjtu.edu.cn>

5. Zhejiang University Scholarship

- **Asian Future Leaders Scholarship:** 6,000 RMB/month
- **Haining International Campus Scholarship**
- **Application:** <http://www.zju.edu.cn>

6. Nanjing University Scholarship

- **Amount:** 20,000-40,000 RMB/year
- **Application:** <https://www.nju.edu.cn>

7. Wuhan University Scholarship

- **Amount:** 15,000-40,000 RMB/year

- **Application:** <https://www.whu.edu.cn>

8. Xi'an Jiaotong University Scholarship

- **Amount:** 20,000-40,000 RMB/year
- **Silk Road related programs**

9. Tongji University Scholarship

- **Amount:** 20,000-50,000 RMB/year
- **Strong in Engineering**

10. Beijing Normal University Scholarship

- **Amount:** 20,000-35,000 RMB/year
- **Education programs**

11. Jiangsu University Presidential Scholarship

- **Through China Admissions:** Automatic consideration
- **Amount:** Partial to full tuition
- **Application:** <https://www.ujs.edu.cn>

12. Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU)

- **Scholarship:** For Chinese language programs
- **Application:** <http://www.blcu.edu.cn>

13. Renmin University Scholarship

- **Amount:** 20,000-50,000 RMB/year
- **Business and Social Sciences**

14. Beihang University Scholarship

- **Amount:** 20,000-40,000 RMB/year
- **Aerospace Engineering**

15. Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT)

- **Amount:** 20,000-40,000 RMB/year
- **Engineering focus**

Application Process

Step 1: Research university scholarships **Step 2:** Apply for admission + scholarship simultaneously **Step 3:** University evaluates **Step 4:** Receive offer (usually faster than CSC) **Step 5:** Accept and get admission documents

Advantages

- **Flexible:** Can negotiate amounts
 - **Fast:** Results in 4-8 weeks
 - **Combinable:** Can apply for multiple
 - **Less Documentation:** Often simpler
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4.5 SILK ROAD & BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Overview

Special scholarships for **Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) countries**. Also called "**Silk Road Scholarship**" or "**Forbidden City Scholarship**".

BRI Countries Include:

- All of Asia (except Japan, South Korea)
- Middle East
- Africa
- Eastern Europe
- Central Asia
- Latin America (selected countries)

Features

- **Same Amount** as CSC Scholarship
- **Priority** for BRI countries
- **Application:** Through CSC Type B or directly with universities
- **Special Agency Numbers:** Universities have separate BRI quotas

Major Silk Road Universities

- Peking University
- Tsinghua University
- Renmin University (Suzhou Campus)
- Xi'an Jiaotong University
- Lanzhou University
- Northwestern Polytechnical University
- Chang'an University

Application: Same as CSC Type B

4.6 CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIPS

Official: <http://cis.chinese.cn>

Overview

For students studying **Chinese language and culture**. Administered by Center for Language Education and Cooperation (CLEC).

Types

1. Scholarship for Four-Week Study

- Summer/Winter programs
- Intensive Chinese courses
- **Coverage:** Tuition + accommodation + insurance
- **Stipend:** 1,400 RMB/month

2. Scholarship for One-Semester Study

- 5 months
- **Coverage:** Tuition + accommodation + insurance
- **Stipend:** 2,500 RMB/month

3. Scholarship for One-Academic-Year Study

- 11 months

- Chinese language major
- **Coverage:** Same as semester
- **Stipend:** 2,500 RMB/month

4. Scholarship for Bachelor's in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (TCSOL)

- 4 years
- **Stipend:** 2,500 RMB/month

5. Scholarship for Master's in TCSOL

- 2 years
- **Stipend:** 3,000 RMB/month

6. Scholarship for PhD in TCSOL

- 4 years
- **Stipend:** 3,500 RMB/month

Eligibility

- Non-Chinese citizen
- Aged 16-35 (varies by program)
- Healthy
- HSK score (required for degree programs)
- No other Chinese government scholarship

Application Period

- Usually **March-May** each year
- For September intake

Application Portal

<http://cis.chinese.cn>

4.7 ENTERPRISE & INDEPENDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Overview

Offered by companies, alumni, and organizations. Competitive but valuable.

Examples

1. Huawei Seeds for the Future

- ICT training
- Short-term program
- Travel + accommodation + stipend

2. Alibaba Global Business Leadership Program

- For business students
- Internship opportunities

3. Asian Future Leaders Scholarship (Zhejiang University)

- **Amount:** 6,000 RMB/month (very high)
- **Duration:** Full degree
- **Application:** Through Zhejiang University

4. Schwarzman Scholars (Tsinghua University)

- **Most Prestigious:** One-year Master's
- **Full funding** + 4,000 USD stipend/month
- **Highly Competitive:** 1-5% acceptance
- **Application:** <https://www.schwarzmanscholars.org>
- **Deadline:** September (previous year)

5. Yenching Academy (Peking University)

- Interdisciplinary Master's
- Full funding
- **Application:** <https://yenchingacademy.pku.edu.cn>
- **Highly Competitive**

Application

- Apply directly to sponsoring organization

- Separate from university application
 - Early deadlines (often previous year)
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5. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS BY LEVEL

5.1 Undergraduate (Bachelor's) Programs

Academic Requirements

Standard:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Good grades (typically 70%+ or equivalent)
- Age: Under 25 years (for scholarships)

Specific Requirements by Country:

- **12-year education system:** High school diploma
- **11-year system:** May need 1 year foundation/pre-university
- **A-Levels:** Minimum 3 subjects
- **IB:** Diploma with minimum points
- **WAEC/NECO (Africa):** Minimum credits in 5 subjects

Language Requirements

For Chinese-Taught Programs:

- **HSK Level 4** or above (180+ points)
- Some competitive programs require HSK 5-6

For English-Taught Programs:

- **IELTS:** 6.0+ (some programs 6.5+)
- **TOEFL iBT:** 80+ (some programs 90+)
- **English Proficiency Certificate:** From previous school (if English-medium)
- **NOTE:** Many scholarships DON'T require IELTS if you have English proficiency certificate

Application Documents

1. High school diploma (notarized)
2. High school transcripts (notarized)
3. Passport copy
4. Personal statement
5. Language certificate (HSK or English)
6. Recommendation letter (1-2)
7. Passport photos
8. Physical examination form
9. Non-criminal record

5.2 Master's Programs

Academic Requirements

Standard:

- Bachelor's degree (4-year or equivalent)
- Good GPA (minimum 2.5/4.0, competitive programs 3.0+)
- Age: Under 35 years (for scholarships)
- Relevant undergraduate major

Specific by Field:

- **Engineering:** Bachelor's in related engineering
- **Business:** Any bachelor's, GMAT sometimes required
- **Sciences:** Bachelor's in sciences
- **Medicine:** MBBS/MD degree

Language Requirements

For Chinese-Taught Programs:

- **HSK Level 4-5** (180-210+ points)
- Master's programs typically require HSK 4 minimum
- Competitive programs: HSK 5-6

For English-Taught Programs:

- **IELTS:** 6.0-6.5+
- **TOEFL iBT:** 80-90+
- **English Proficiency Certificate:** If Bachelor's was English-medium

GRE/GMAT:

- Generally **NOT required** for Chinese universities
- Top MBA programs may require GMAT
- Schwarzman/Yenching may require GRE

Application Documents

1. Bachelor's degree certificate (notarized)
2. Undergraduate transcripts (notarized)
3. Passport copy
4. Research proposal/Study plan (800+ words)
5. Two recommendation letters (from professors)
6. CV/Resume
7. Language certificate
8. Physical examination form
9. Non-criminal record
10. Publications (if any)

5.3 PhD/Doctoral Programs

Academic Requirements

Standard:

- Master's degree (some accept outstanding Bachelor's)
- Strong academic record (GPA 3.0+/4.0)
- Age: Under 40 years (for scholarships)
- Research experience

- Publications preferred

Research Proposal:

- **Critical:** 2,000-5,000 words
- Clear research questions
- Methodology
- Expected contributions
- Literature review

Language Requirements

For Chinese-Taught Programs:

- **HSK Level 5-6** required
- PhD programs more demanding

For English-Taught Programs:

- **IELTS:** 6.5+
- **TOEFL iBT:** 90+
- Publications in English beneficial

Finding Supervisor

CRITICAL STEP:

- Email potential supervisors 6-12 months before
- Research their work
- Explain your research interests
- Attach CV and proposal
- Follow up politely

Template Email:

Subject: PhD Application Inquiry - [Your Research Interest]

Dear Professor [Name],

I am [Your Name], currently completing my Master's in [Field] at [University]. I am very interested in pursuing PhD studies in [specific area] and was impressed by your research on [specific paper/project].

My research interests align with your work in [area]. I have experience in [relevant experience] and have published [if applicable].

I would like to apply for the [Scholarship Name] for Fall 2026 intake. Would you be able to supervise a PhD student in this area?

Attached are my CV and research proposal for your review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,
[Your Name]

Application Documents

1. Master's degree certificate (notarized)
 2. Master's transcripts (notarized)
 3. Bachelor's degree + transcripts (notarized)
 4. Passport copy
 5. Detailed research proposal (2,000+ words)
 6. Two recommendation letters (from professors/supervisors)
 7. CV with publications
 8. Language certificate
 9. Physical examination form
 10. Non-criminal record
 11. Supervisor's acceptance letter (highly beneficial)
 12. Published papers (if available)
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6. APPLICATION TIMELINE FOR 2026 INTAKE

Comprehensive Timeline (Fall 2026)

April-June 2025 (12-18 months before)

- Research universities, programs, and scholarships
- Identify potential supervisors (for PhD)
- Begin test preparation (HSK/IELTS/TOEFL)
- Prepare documents

July-September 2025 (9-12 months before)

- Take language tests (HSK/IELTS/TOEFL)
- Retake if needed
- Contact supervisors (PhD applicants)
- Request recommendation letters
- Draft research proposals
- Get transcripts notarized

October-November 2025 (6-8 months before)

- Finalize university list (apply to 3-5)
- Complete physical examination
- Obtain non-criminal record
- Polish research proposals
- Contact universities for pre-admission letters

December 2025 (5 months before)

- **CSC applications open** (usually Dec 15)
- **ANSO applications open** (usually Dec 20)
- Start online applications
- Request pre-admission letters

January 2026 (4 months before)

- Submit CSC Type B applications
- Submit ANSO applications
- Submit provincial scholarship applications
- Submit university scholarship applications
- **Peak application month**

February 2026 (3 months before)

- **ANSO deadline:** February 15
- **Many CSC deadlines:** Late February
- Provincial scholarship deadlines
- Continue applying to universities

March 2026 (2 months before)

- Final CSC deadlines (some universities)
- University scholarship deadlines
- Follow up on applications

April-May 2026 (1-2 months before)

- CSC evaluation period
- ANSO evaluation
- Universities notify results

June 2026

- **Receive admission notices**
- **Receive JW201 form** (visa application form)
- Accept scholarship offer
- Prepare visa documents

July-August 2026

- Apply for X1 visa at Chinese Embassy
- Book flights

- Arrange accommodation
- Attend pre-departure orientation

Late August/Early September 2026

- **Arrive in China**
 - Convert X1 visa to residence permit
 - University registration
 - Orientation
 - **Classes begin:** Early/Mid-September
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7. LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

7.1 HSK (Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi) - Chinese Proficiency Test

Official Website: <http://www.chinesetest.cn>

HSK Levels

Level	Description	Characters	Use
HSK 1	Basic	150	Beginner
HSK 2	Elementary	300	Basic conversation
HSK 3	Pre-Intermediate	600	Daily communication
HSK 4	Intermediate	1,200	Minimum for undergraduate
HSK 5	Upper-Intermediate	2,500	Minimum for Master's
HSK 6	Advanced	5,000+	PhD, competitive programs

Requirements by Program

Undergraduate (Chinese-taught):

- Minimum: HSK 4 (180+ points)
- Competitive programs: HSK 5

Master's (Chinese-taught):

- Minimum: HSK 4-5 (210+ points)
- Top programs: HSK 5-6

PhD (Chinese-taught):

- Minimum: HSK 5-6
- Research proficiency required

Language Programs:

- No HSK required (you're learning Chinese)
- Can obtain HSK during study

Taking HSK**Format:**

- **Listening:** 35-40 minutes
- **Reading:** 30-45 minutes
- **Writing:** 15-30 minutes (HSK 3+)

Frequency: Monthly in most countries

Cost: \$30-80 USD (varies by country)

Results: Available online in 1 month

Validity: 2 years

Registration: <http://www.chinesetest.cn>

No HSK? Options:

1. Apply for English-taught programs **2. Apply with commitment to learn:** Get admission + 1 year Chinese language program funded **3. Start with foundation year**

7.2 English Proficiency**IELTS Academic****Minimum Scores:**

- **Undergraduate:** 6.0 (5.5 each band)
- **Master's:** 6.0-6.5
- **PhD:** 6.5-7.0

Cost: \$200-240 USD

Validity: 2 years

Website: <https://www.ielts.org>

TOEFL iBT

Minimum Scores:

- **Undergraduate:** 80
- **Master's:** 80-90
- **PhD:** 90-100

Cost: ~\$200 USD

Validity: 2 years

Website: <https://www.ets.org/toefl>

IMPORTANT NOTE: IELTS/TOEFL Often NOT Required!

Alternative: English Proficiency Certificate

Most Chinese universities and scholarships accept:

- Certificate from your previous university stating:
 - "Medium of instruction was English"
 - Signed and stamped by university
 - On official letterhead

Who Can Use This:

- Students from English-speaking countries
- Students who studied in English-medium schools
- Students with degrees from English-taught programs

Advantages:

- **FREE**
- Easy to obtain
- Accepted by 90%+ Chinese universities

8. COST OF STUDY & LIVING IN CHINA

8.1 Tuition Fees (If Self-Funded)

Undergraduate:

- **Tier 1 Cities** (Beijing, Shanghai): 20,000-30,000 RMB/year (\$2,800-\$4,200)
- **Tier 2 Cities**: 15,000-25,000 RMB/year (\$2,100-\$3,500)
- **Medicine/Engineering**: Higher (30,000-50,000 RMB/year)

Master's:

- **General Programs**: 20,000-35,000 RMB/year (\$2,800-\$5,000)
- **MBA**: 50,000-150,000 RMB/year (\$7,000-\$21,000)
- **Engineering**: 25,000-40,000 RMB/year

PhD:

- **Usually Funded**: Most PhD students get scholarships or stipends
- **If Self-Funded**: 30,000-50,000 RMB/year

8.2 Living Expenses

Tier 1 Cities (Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen)

Monthly:

- **Accommodation**:
 - On-campus: 1,000-2,000 RMB (\$140-\$280)
 - Off-campus shared: 2,000-4,000 RMB (\$280-\$560)
- **Food**: 1,000-2,000 RMB (\$140-\$280)
- **Transportation**: 200-500 RMB (\$30-\$70)
- **Mobile/Internet**: 100-200 RMB (\$15-\$30)
- **Entertainment**: 500-1,000 RMB (\$70-\$140)
- **Total**: 3,000-6,000 RMB/month (\$420-\$850)

Annual: 36,000-72,000 RMB (\$5,000-\$10,000)

Tier 2 Cities (Nanjing, Wuhan, Xi'an, Chengdu)

Monthly:

- **Accommodation:** 800-1,500 RMB (\$110-\$210)
- **Food:** 800-1,500 RMB (\$110-\$210)
- **Transportation:** 150-300 RMB (\$20-\$45)
- **Mobile/Internet:** 100-150 RMB (\$15-\$22)
- **Entertainment:** 300-600 RMB (\$40-\$85)
- **Total:** 2,200-4,000 RMB/month (\$310-\$560)

Annual: 26,000-48,000 RMB (\$3,600-\$6,700)

Tier 3 Cities (Smaller cities)

Monthly:

- **Total:** 1,500-3,000 RMB/month (\$210-\$420)

Annual: 18,000-36,000 RMB (\$2,500-\$5,000)

8.3 Scholarship Coverage

CSC Full Scholarship Students:

- Tuition: COVERED
- Accommodation: COVERED (dorm)
- Stipend: 2,500-3,500 RMB/month
- Insurance: COVERED
- **Additional Costs:** Food, transportation, personal

Budget with Scholarship:

- Stipend covers basic living
- Comfortable in Tier 2/3 cities
- May need extra money in Beijing/Shanghai

8.4 Other Costs

One-Time:

- **Visa:** \$30-140 (varies by country)
- **Flight:** \$300-1,500 (varies by origin)
- **Medical Check:** \$50-100
- **Initial Setup:** 2,000-3,000 RMB (\$280-\$420)

Annual:

- **Books:** 500-1,000 RMB (\$70-\$140)
 - **Travel in China:** 2,000-5,000 RMB (\$280-\$700)
 - **Clothing/Winter Gear:** 1,000-3,000 RMB (\$140-\$420)
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9. APPLICATION PROCESS STEP-BY-STEP

Complete Application Guide

STEP 1: Research & Selection (April-September 2025)

1. Choose Your Field

- Consider career goals
- Check program availability

2. Research Universities

- Use: <http://www.cucas.cn>
- Check rankings
- Review programs

3. Identify Scholarships

- CSC (Type A or B)
- ANSO (for STEM PhD/Master's)
- Provincial scholarships
- University scholarships

4. Check Requirements

- Language requirements

- Academic requirements
- Age limits

STEP 2: Prepare Documents (July-November 2025)

1. Notarize Educational Documents

- Get highest diploma notarized
- Get transcripts notarized
- Translate to English/Chinese if needed
- **Where:** Notary public or embassy

2. Obtain Language Certificates

- Take HSK (for Chinese programs)
- Take IELTS/TOEFL (if required)
- OR get English proficiency certificate

3. Write Research Proposal/Study Plan

- **Undergraduate:** 200+ words
- **Master's:** 800+ words (2-3 pages)
- **PhD:** 2,000+ words (5-10 pages)
- Include: objectives, methodology, expected outcomes

4. Request Recommendation Letters

- **Who:** Professors, supervisors
- **How many:** 2 letters
- **Format:** Signed, on letterhead
- **Request:** 2-3 months before deadline

5. Complete Physical Examination

- Download form: "Foreigner Physical Examination Form"
- Visit approved hospital
- Complete ALL tests listed

- **Validity:** 6 months
- **Timing:** November-January 2026

6. Get Non-Criminal Record

- From local police
- **Validity:** 6 months
- **Timing:** November-January 2026

STEP 3: Contact Universities (October-December 2025)

For PhD/Master's:

1. Find Supervisor

- Research faculty
- Read their papers
- Find alignment with your interests

2. Email Supervisor

- Subject: Clear and professional
- Content: Brief introduction, research interests, request for supervision
- Attach: CV, proposal draft
- Follow up: After 2 weeks if no response

3. Request Pre-Admission Letter

- Contact admissions office
- Some universities provide before formal application
- **Greatly increases** CSC success rate

STEP 4: Apply Online (December 2025-March 2026)

For CSC Type B:

1. Create Account

- Go to: <https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn>
- Click "Create Account"

- Verify email

2. Start Application

- Select "Type B - Chinese University Program"
- Enter university agency number
- Fill personal information

3. Fill Application Form

- **Carefully** complete all sections
- Personal information
- Education history
- Language proficiency
- Scholarship preference

4. Upload Documents (PDF format)

- Passport
- Diploma (notarized)
- Transcripts (notarized)
- Study plan/Research proposal
- Recommendation letters (2)
- Language certificate
- Physical examination form
- Non-criminal record
- Pre-admission letter (if available)

5. Review & Submit

- Check all information carefully
- **Cannot edit** after submission
- Save application ID

6. Generate Application Form

- System creates PDF
- Print and sign

7. Repeat for Additional Universities

- Can apply to 3 universities
- Separate application for each
- Different agency numbers

STEP 5: Send Hard Copies (If Required)

Some universities require physical documents

Package Contents:

1. Printed application form (signed)
2. All documents (originals or notarized copies)
3. Passport photos
4. Cover letter

Send Via:

- DHL, FedEx, or EMS
- **Tracking important**
- **Deadline:** Check university website

Address:

- International Students Office
- [University Name]
- [Full Address]
- China

STEP 6: Apply to University Directly

Parallel Process:

1. University Application Portal

- Most universities have separate application

- Create account
- Fill application
- Upload documents

2. Application Fee

- Some universities: 400-800 RMB
- Pay online or bank transfer
- Keep receipt

3. Track Status

- Check portal regularly
- Respond to requests quickly

STEP 7: Wait for Results (March-June 2026)

Timeline:

- **Universities Review:** March-April
- **Send to CSC:** April
- **CSC Evaluates:** April-May
- **Results:** May-June

What to Expect:

- Email notification
- Check online portal
- **If Selected:** Admission notice + JW201 form

STEP 8: Accept Offer & Get Visa Documents (June-July 2026)

1. Accept Offer

- Reply to university
- Confirm acceptance
- Provide required information

2. Receive Documents (via courier)

- **Admission Notice:** Original
- **JW201 Form:** Original (for scholarship students)
- **Physical Examination Form:** Return copy
- **Other:** University-specific documents

3. Verify Documents

- Check all information correct
- Name spelling
- Dates
- Scholarship details

STEP 9: Apply for Visa (July-August 2026)

1. Locate Chinese Embassy/Consulate

- In your country
- Check website for requirements

2. Prepare Visa Documents

- Passport (valid 6+ months)
- Visa application form (completed online)
- Passport photo
- **Admission Notice** (original)
- **JW201 Form** (original)
- Physical Examination Form (copy)
- Proof of financial support (if required)

3. Submit Application

- Book appointment (if required)
- Submit documents
- Pay visa fee (\$30-140)
- Get receipt

4. Collect Visa

- **Processing:** 4-7 working days
- **Express:** 2-3 working days (extra fee)
- Check visa details

5. Book Flight

- **Arrive:** 1-2 weeks before classes
- **Classes begin:** Early/mid-September
- Keep tickets and receipts

STEP 10: Prepare for Departure (August 2026)

Documents to Carry:

- **Passport with X1 visa**
- **Admission Notice** (original)
- **JW201 Form** (original)
- **Physical Examination Form** (original + copy)
- All educational certificates (originals)
- Passport photos (extra)
- Proof of accommodation
- Emergency contacts
- Insurance documents

What to Pack:

- Clothing (all seasons)
- Medications (with prescriptions)
- Electronics + adapters
- Toiletries (initial supply)
- Important documents copies
- Local currency (some RMB)

- Credit/debit cards

Before Leaving:

- Inform bank of travel
- Get international phone plan
- Join university WeChat groups
- Download essential apps (WeChat, Alipay)
- Arrange airport pickup

STEP 11: Arrive in China (September 2026)

At Airport:

- **Immigration:** Present passport, visa, admission notice
- **Receive:** Entry stamp
- **Collect:** Student registration form
- **Exit:** Airport

Within 24 Hours:

- **Register:** At local police station (temporary residence registration)
- **Contact University:** Confirm arrival

Within 30 Days:

- **Convert X1 to Residence Permit:**
 1. Go to university's international office
 2. They'll guide you to PSB (Public Security Bureau)
 3. Submit: Passport, registration form, admission notice, photos, fee
 4. **Cost:** 400-800 RMB
 5. **Processing:** 7-10 days
 6. **Valid:** Duration of study (usually 1 year, renewable)

First Week:

- Attend orientation

- Open bank account (bring passport + residence registration)
 - Get Chinese phone number
 - Set up WeChat Pay/Alipay
 - Purchase essentials
 - Register for courses
 - Meet academic advisor
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10. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (50+ Q&A)

General Questions

Q1: Do I need to speak Chinese to study in China? A: No! Many programs are taught in English. However, learning basic Chinese is helpful for daily life.

Q2: Can I apply for multiple scholarships? A: Yes, apply to as many as possible to increase chances. But can only accept ONE Chinese government scholarship.

Q3: Is IELTS required for Chinese scholarships? A: NO, for most scholarships! An English proficiency certificate from your previous institution is usually accepted.

Q4: What is the best scholarship to apply for? A: CSC (Type B) is most popular. ANSO is best for STEM PhD/Master's. Provincial scholarships are less competitive.

Q5: When should I start preparing? A: At least 12 months before your intended start date (September 2026 = Start September 2025).

CSC Scholarship Questions

Q6: What is the difference between CSC Type A and Type B? A:

- **Type A:** Apply through embassy/government ministry in your country
- **Type B:** Apply directly to university

Q7: Do I need a pre-admission letter for CSC? A: Not mandatory but HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. It significantly increases success rate.

Q8: Can I apply to multiple universities for CSC? A: Yes! Can apply to 3 universities with one account. Separate application for each.

Q9: What if I get accepted by multiple universities? A: CSC will choose ONE for you. You cannot hold multiple scholarships.

Q10: How many people get CSC scholarships? A: About 10,000+ annually out of 30,000+ applications (~33% success rate).

ANSO Scholarship Questions

Q11: Can I apply to both UCAS and USTC for ANSO? A: NO! Can only apply to ONE. Will be disqualified if apply to both.

Q12: Is ANSO only for developing countries? A: No, open to all countries. ANSO-CAS-TWAS/UNESCO sub-category prioritizes developing countries.

Q13: What fields are available for ANSO? A: Only STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). No humanities, business, or arts.

Q14: Is ANSO better than CSC? A: For STEM PhD/Master's, ANSO is excellent (higher stipend, top research). For other fields, go CSC.

Q15: Do I need a supervisor for ANSO? A: Not mandatory but STRONGLY recommended. Contact CAS supervisors early.

Application Process Questions

Q16: When do applications open for Fall 2026? A:

- **CSC:** December 15, 2025
- **ANSO:** October 20, 2025
- **Provincial:** October-December 2025
- **University:** Rolling (November 2025-April 2026)

Q17: What is the application deadline? A:

- **ANSO:** February 15, 2026 (strict)
- **CSC Type B:** February-April 2026 (varies by university)
- **Provincial:** February-March 2026

Q18: Can I apply after the deadline? A: Usually NO. Some universities have rolling admission but scholarships have firm deadlines.

Q19: How do I get a pre-admission letter? A: Contact university's international office or potential supervisor. Explain you're applying for scholarship.

Q20: Do I need to send physical documents? A: Depends on university. Most require online only now. Check university website.

Document Questions

Q21: Do documents need to be notarized? A: YES. Diplomas and transcripts must be notarized. Go to notary public or your country's foreign affairs office.

Q22: What if my diploma is not in English or Chinese? A: Must get it officially translated to English or Chinese by authorized translator, then notarized.

Q23: I haven't graduated yet, can I still apply? A: YES! Provide "Pre-Graduation Certificate" or "Expected Graduation Letter" from your current school.

Q24: What if I cannot take HSK before deadline? A: Apply with commitment to learn. Universities often provide 1-year Chinese language program before degree.

Q25: How do I get the Physical Examination Form? A: Download from CSC website or university website. Take to any hospital capable of doing full medical checkup.

Language Questions

Q26: I don't have IELTS, can I still apply? A: YES! Get English Proficiency Certificate from your university stating instruction was in English.

Q27: What HSK level do I need? A:

- **Undergraduate:** HSK 4 minimum
- **Master's:** HSK 4-5
- **PhD:** HSK 5-6

Q28: Can I study in Chinese if I don't know Chinese? A: Yes! If accepted, you'll do 1-year Chinese language program first (funded by scholarship).

Q29: Are all programs available in English? A: No. Maybe 30-40% of programs. Engineering, Business, Medicine increasingly have English options.

Q30: How can I improve my Chinese for applications? A: Take HSK prep courses, use apps (HSK Online, Super Chinese), watch Chinese shows with subtitles.

Scholarship Benefits Questions

Q31: What does CSC full scholarship cover? A: Tuition + accommodation + monthly stipend (2,500-3,500 RMB) + medical insurance.

Q32: Is the stipend enough to live on? A: Yes, in most cities! Covers food and basic expenses. May need extra for travel/shopping.

Q33: Can I work part-time with scholarship? A: Limited. Need university approval. Generally not allowed for full scholarship students.

Q34: What if I need more money? A: Look for tutoring opportunities (teaching English), part-time on-campus jobs (with approval).

Q35: Does scholarship cover flights? A: No, CSC doesn't cover flights. ANSO provides one-time travel allowance (reimbursement).

Results & Admission Questions

Q36: When will I know if I got the scholarship? A: Usually May-June 2026 for Fall intake.

Q37: How will I be notified? A: Email from university + check online application portal.

Q38: What if I'm not selected? A: Can reapply next year, or look for other scholarships, or apply as self-funded student.

Q39: Can I defer my scholarship? A: Usually NO. Must use in the year awarded. Contact university to ask.

Q40: What happens after I get accepted? A: University sends admission notice + JW201 form → Apply for visa → Travel to China.

Life in China Questions

Q41: Is it expensive to live in China? A: No! China is very affordable. 1,500-3,000 RMB/month covers living in most cities (scholarship stipend).

Q42: Do I need to learn Chinese? A: Not mandatory for English programs, but HIGHLY recommended for daily life and better experience.

Q43: Can I travel in China during studies? A: YES! China has excellent transportation. Use holidays and weekends to explore.

Q44: Is China safe for international students? A: Yes! China is very safe with low crime rates. Universities have good security.

Q45: What about food if I'm vegetarian/Muslim/have allergies? A: Chinese cities are diverse. Halal food widely available. Vegetarian options increasing. Inform university of dietary needs.

Visa Questions

Q46: How long does visa processing take? A: 4-7 working days regular, 2-3 days express (extra fee).

Q47: Can I travel outside China during studies? A: Yes! Ensure your residence permit is valid and doesn't expire while you're away.

Q48: What if my visa is denied? A: Rare if you have proper documents. Can reapply. Contact university for support letter.

Q49: Do I need to register with police in China? A: YES! Within 24 hours of arrival at local police station. University will guide you.

Q50: Can my family visit me? A: Yes! They can apply for tourist visa (L visa) to visit you in China.

After Graduation Questions

Q51: Can I work in China after graduation? A: Yes! Can apply for work visa if you find a job. Many graduates stay in China.

Q52: Is my Chinese degree recognized internationally? A: Yes! Degrees from accredited Chinese universities are internationally recognized.

Q53: Can scholarship students do internships? A: Yes, usually during summer. Some programs include mandatory internships.

Q54: What are job prospects after studying in China? A: Good! Chinese companies, multinational corporations, international organizations value China experience.

Q55: Can I extend my scholarship? A: Usually no for undergraduate. For Master's/PhD, possible if research requires it (need approval).

11. OFFICIAL RESOURCES & LINKS

Chinese Government Resources

China Scholarship Council (CSC):

- Official Website: <http://www.csc.edu.cn>
- Application Portal: <https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn>
- Email: laihua@csc.edu.cn
- University List + Agency Numbers: <http://www.csc.edu.cn/chuguo/s/1514>

Ministry of Education:

- Official Website: <http://en.moe.gov.cn>
- Study in China Portal: <http://www.campuschina.org>

Chinese Embassies Worldwide:

- Find your local embassy: http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/wjb_663304/zwjg_665342/

ANSO Scholarship

Official Resources:

- ANSO Website: <https://www.anso.org.cn>
- ANSO Scholarship Page: <https://www.anso.org.cn/programmes/talent/scholarship/>
- Email: anso-scholarship@ucas.ac.cn (UCAS)
- Email: anso@ustc.edu.cn (USTC)

Host Universities:

- UCAS: <https://english.ucas.ac.cn>
- UCAS Admission: <https://admission.ucas.ac.cn>
- USTC: <https://en.ustc.edu.cn>
- USTC Admission: <https://apply.ustc.edu.cn>

TWAS/UNESCO PhD:

- TWAS Website: <https://twas.org>
- Application: Through ANSO system

Provincial Scholarships

Beijing:

- Beijing Education Commission: <http://www.bjedu.gov.cn>

Shanghai:

- Shanghai Education Commission: <http://www.shmec.gov.cn>

Jiangsu:

- Jiangsu Education Department: <http://www.jsjyt.edu.cn>

Zhejiang:

- Zhejiang Education Department: <http://www.zjedu.gov.cn>

Language Tests

HSK (Chinese Proficiency):

- Official Website: <http://www.chinesetest.cn>
- Registration: <http://www.chinesetest.cn/goregistration.do>
- Test Centers: <http://www.chinesetest.cn/gosearchcenter.do>

IELTS:

- Official Website: <https://www.ielts.org>
- Registration: <https://www.ielts.org/book-a-test>

TOEFL:

- Official Website: <https://www.ets.org/toefl>
- Registration: <https://www.ets.org/mytoefl>

Confucius Institute Scholarships

Official Resources:

- Application Portal: <http://cis.chinese.cn>
- CLEC Website: <http://www.chinese.cn>

Application Support Platforms

CUCAS (China's University and College Admission System):

- Website: <http://www.cucas.cn>
- Search Universities: <http://www.cucas.cn/page/content/category/cgi>
- Scholarship Search: http://www.cucas.cn/china_scholarship/about_chinascholarship

China Admissions:

- Website: <https://www.china-admissions.com>
- Scholarship Guide: <https://www.china-admissions.com/blog/china-scholarship/>

University Resources

Top Universities (Direct Links):

- Peking University: <https://www.pku.edu.cn> - ISS: <http://www.oir.pku.edu.cn>
- Tsinghua University: <https://www.tsinghua.edu.cn> - ISO: <https://www.tsinghua.edu.cn/publish/bzw/>
- Fudan University: <http://www.fso.fudan.edu.cn>
- Shanghai Jiao Tong University: <http://www.sjtu.edu.cn>
- Zhejiang University: <http://www.intl.zju.edu.cn>
- Nanjing University: <https://www.nju.edu.cn>
- Wuhan University: <http://admission.whu.edu.cn>
- Renmin University: <http://www.ruc.edu.cn>
- Beijing Normal University: <http://www.bnu.edu.cn>
- Tongji University: <http://www.tongji.edu.cn>

University Search:

- Study in China: <http://www.campuschina.org>
- CUCAS: <http://www.cucas.cn>

Visa Information

China Visa Application:

- Visa Application Form: <https://bio.visaforchina.org>
- Chinese Visa Centers Worldwide: <http://www.visaforchina.org>

Physical Examination:

- Form Download: Available on CSC website or university admission pages
- Form Name: "Foreigner Physical Examination Form"

Living in China

Apps to Download:

- WeChat: <https://www.wechat.com> (essential!)
- Alipay: <https://www.alipay.com>

- Pleco (Chinese dictionary): <https://www.pleco.com>

General Information:

- Study in China: <http://www.campuschina.org>
- China Daily: <http://www.chinadaily.com.cn>
- That's Mag (Expat guide): <http://www.thatmags.com>

Partner Website

Created by Team Dare To Dream:

- Website: <https://dares2dream.com>
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CONCLUSION

Studying in China offers an incredible opportunity to gain world-class education, experience a fascinating culture, and build global connections—all with generous scholarship support that can cover ALL your expenses including monthly stipend.

Key Takeaways:

1. **280+ Universities** offering scholarships
2. **50,000+ Full Scholarships** available annually
3. **Multiple Application Paths:** CSC, ANSO, Provincial, University
4. **No IELTS Required** (usually): English proficiency certificate accepted
5. **Apply Early:** Start preparing 12+ months before
6. **Apply Multiple:** Increase chances by applying to several scholarships
7. **Research Important:** Choose right program and university
8. **Documents Critical:** Ensure all notarized and complete
9. **Pre-Admission Helps:** Greatly increases CSC success
10. **Follow Instructions:** Each scholarship has specific requirements

Application Checklist for 2026:

- ☒ Research programs (April-June 2025)
- ☒ Prepare language tests (July-September 2025)

- ✓ Notarize documents (September-November 2025)
- ✓ Contact supervisors/universities (October-December 2025)
- ✓ Complete physical exam (November-January 2026)
- ✓ Get non-criminal record (December-January 2026)
- ✓ Submit applications (December 2025-April 2026)
- ✓ CSC: February-April 2026
- ✓ ANSO: February 15, 2026
- ✓ Provincial: February-March 2026
- ✓ Track results (May-June 2026)
- ✓ Apply for visa (July-August 2026)
- ✓ Arrive in China (September 2026)

Final Words

China is investing heavily in international education and welcomes talented students from around the world. With proper planning, complete applications, and persistence, your dream of studying in China on a full scholarship is achievable.

The journey requires dedication, but the rewards—quality education, cultural immersion, career opportunities, and lifelong connections—make it worthwhile.

Start your application journey today for Fall 2026!

好运! (Good luck!)

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