

**ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY CHINA FEE SCHOLARSHIP –
2012 round of scholarships**
For commencement in semester 2, 2012 or semester 1, 2013



CONDITIONS OF AWARD

Effective from 1 September 2011

CRICOS Provider No 00123M

1. INTRODUCTION

Adelaide University China Fee Scholarships (AUCFS) are available to eligible candidates to undertake a higher degree by research at the University of Adelaide, commencing in semester 2, 2012 (September 2012) or semester 1, 2013 (February 2013). Priority will be given to graduates of the Chinese universities listed as "985 Project" Universities.

2. PURPOSE

The AUCFS provides payment of international student tuition fees set by the University. The China Scholarship Council (CSC) provides payment of a living allowance, a return airfare to Australia, visa application fees, and the cost of Overseas Student Health Cover. The scholarship may only be used for the program of study which it is provided for and cannot be used for any other purpose.

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to apply for an Adelaide University China Fee Scholarship an applicant must:

- Be a citizen and permanent resident of the People's Republic of China at the time of application;
- Be less than 35 years old at the time of application (this is a CSC eligibility requirement);
- Be a university student completing a master's degree, or enrolled as a first year PhD student, or a new graduate from their university at the time of application;
- Not be currently working or studying abroad (outside the People's Republic of China);
- Agree to return to China upon completion of their studies and/or research;
- Hold an unconditional offer of enrolment at the University of Adelaide, which is subject to the applicant also being successful in applying for a CSC award. They must therefore fulfil the relevant academic entry requirements set by the University of Adelaide for all international scholarship holders, including a high level of English language proficiency. Applicants who have not provided evidence that they have met the university's English Language Proficiency requirements by the closing date are not eligible for a CSC scholarship (<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/study/postgraduate/research-degrees/requirements/english-language/>);
- Satisfy the selection criteria set out by CSC by completing the CSC Application Form and the CSC Employer Reference Form at <http://apply.csc.edu.cn/>.

The Scholarships will give priority to graduates of the Chinese universities listed as "985 Project" Universities.

Applicants should be intending to pursue a PhD in one of the priority areas identified by CSC or one of those identified by the University of Adelaide. Currently, the seven priority areas for these scholarships are:

- High and New Technology in Agriculture
- Applied Social Science and WTO-related Areas (e.g., Finance)
- Energy Sources and Environment
- Engineering
- Life Science and Public Health
- Material Science and New Material
- Telecommunication and Information Technology

To be eligible to take up an AUCFS a student must:

- Be approved by the China Scholarship Council and in receipt of a CSC scholarship which provides a living allowance for a period of up to 4 years, or up to the date of submission of the thesis, whichever occurs first;
- Enrol in the degree of PhD;
- Commence full time, on campus for the degree of PhD within 12 months of the date of offer of the scholarship; and
- Undertake an approved research project compatible with the key areas and majors sponsored by the CSC unless otherwise approved by the Council.

4. SELECTION

The selection and ranking of applicants is the responsibility of the Dean of Graduate Studies and the Director, East Asia Strategy at the University of Adelaide, using the criteria of academic merit and research potential.

5. SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications are ranked based upon academic merit. Consideration is given to the following factors:

- the academic merit and research potential of the individual applicants;
- the research component and level of the highest qualification obtained;
- publications and/or research experience;
- the quality of the institution at which the highest qualification was obtained; and
- any special links between the University of Adelaide and the student's home university.

6. TENURE

Up to four years, as indicated in the candidate's CSC approval letter, subject to satisfactory academic progress. The period of tenure commences on the first day of enrolment in the degree. Students are not permitted to enrol on a part-time basis. Extensions beyond four years are not permitted.

7. BENEFITS

The AUCFS will pay the full tuition fee annually for the term of the scholarship and a once-off \$2000 establishment allowance upon enrolment. No other allowances will be paid by the University of Adelaide.

The CSC will provide each student selected under this program with a living allowance as prescribed from time to time by the Chinese Government for the term of the Scholarship, a return airfare to Australia by the most economical route, visa application fees, and the cost of Australian Government approved Overseas Student Health Cover. Fares for dependants and removal expenses will not be provided.

8. VISA ENTITLEMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS

International candidates are required to pay for visa application fees and meet the costs of any medical examinations associated with the renewal of visas for themselves and their dependants. It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure they and any dependents hold a valid visa while in Australia. If a visa expires, the candidate may be removed from Australia. Students are encouraged to contact the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) with any queries concerning their visas.

9. HEALTH CARE COVER

International candidates and their dependants are required to have Australian Government approved Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the duration of their program. The CSC will provide the cost of Overseas Student Health Cover for the candidate. Overseas Student Health Cover for dependants is the responsibility of the candidate.

10. COMMENCEMENT

The scholarship must be taken up in the round for which it was awarded. The University may withdraw the award if an applicant does not commence by the agreed date, fails to provide documentation required under a provisional offer, provides false or misleading documentation or fails to maintain satisfactory progress in their program.

11. DEFERMENT

An award must be taken up in the round for which it was awarded and may not be deferred. Leave of absence for the purpose of deferring the commencement date will not be allowed.

12. LEAVE

Award holders are entitled to 20 days recreation leave per year, calculated on a pro-rata basis, and is accruable subject to supervisor approval. Leave must be taken during the tenure of the award (leave of absence is not necessary but approval must be sought from the student's supervisor). Recreation leave that is not taken is forfeited.

An award holder may take up to 10 days paid sick leave a year (accruable) within the tenure of their award. Official medical certificates stating specified dates must be provided for all periods of sick leave applied for.

Award holders who intend to leave the country during candidature (for personal or study related reasons) must notify the Adelaide Graduate Centre, by submitting an "Application for Leave of Absence and/or Study Leave" form prior to their departure.

13. EMPLOYMENT

Under current visa regulations students have the right to work after studies in Australia have commenced. Students may work up to 20 hours per week during term time, and unrestricted hours during the published University holidays if not on a scholarship. Scholarship holders are usually only permitted to work up to 8 hours per week during business hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday) at all times of the academic year and should check with the Adelaide Graduate Centre to confirm the terms of the scholarship. Part-time work commitments cannot be accepted as grounds for an extension of the scholarship.

The Australian government imposes certain restrictions on the employment of dependants or spouses of people holding student visas.

The University does not require a candidate to undertake employment and the Graduate Scholarships Committee must be satisfied that part-time work does not interfere with the study program. Candidates should refer to the regulations governing work permit visas, defined by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC).

14. TRANSFER OF AWARD

The award cannot be transferred to any other institution.

15. TERMINATION

An award will be terminated upon submission of the thesis or when the award expires, whichever is the earlier. An award will be terminated before this time if the University concludes that a student has not fulfilled the obligations of the award, has not met or continued to meet eligibility criteria or made satisfactory progress.

An award may be terminated if the holder ceases to study or ceases to be enrolled and does not apply for or is not approved for suspension of the award.

16. SUPERVISION, ACADEMIC PROGRESS, LEAVE OF ABSENCE, EXTENSION AND CANCELLATION OF ENROLMENT

Candidates must comply with all the University's policies and procedures relating to the above as outlined in the 'Research Student Handbook' which can be found at <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/graduatecentre/handbook/>.

All students will also be subject to the requirements of the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (ESOS Act), the National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students (The National Code 2007), and to UA's policies and procedures. UA policies can be found at <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/policies/>.

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