Postgraduate scholarships program

China Scholarship Council (CSC)

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The China Scholarship Council (CSC) and the University of Adelaide are jointly offering postgraduate research scholarships to up to 20 students from the People’s Republic of China who intend to undertake a Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Adelaide.

Overview

The University of Adelaide will provide an Adelaide University China Fee Scholarship (AUCFS) to each student selected under this program. This Scholarship will pay the full tuition fee. 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 the Australian Government approved Overseas Student Health Cover. Fares for dependants and relocation expenses will not be provided.

Only candidates undertaking a Doctor of Philosophy program are eligible. If the selected Chinese students successfully complete the requirements of the program, they will be conferred with a Doctor of Philosophy degree by the University of Adelaide. Scholarships under this program will be for up to four years, subject to satisfactory academic progress.

Eligibility criteria for China scholarships

Adelaide University China Fee Scholarships (AUCFS) will only be available to those applicants who:

- Are citizens and permanent residents of the People’s Republic of China at the time of application;
- Are less than 35 years old at the time of application (this is a CSC eligibility requirement);
- Are a university student completing a master’s degree, or enrolled as a first year PhD student, or new graduates from their university at the time of application;
- Agree to return to China upon completion of their studies;
- Hold an unconditional offer of admission 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;
- English is the language of instruction at the University of Adelaide and proficiency in speaking, listening to, reading and writing English is essential. The IELTS (International English Language Testing System) and TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) examinations are accepted as a measure 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;
- The Scholarships may give priority to graduates of the Chinese universities listed as “985 Project” Universities;
- 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/

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.

Favourably sponsored areas of study for this program include but are not limited to the following areas:

1. Agriculture, including Soil Science, Animal and Plant Science, and Food Science
2. Environmental Science, including Water Security, Toxicology
3. Engineering, including Biomedical Engineering and Environmental Engineering
4. Health Sciences, including One Health and Veterinary Science
5. Vaccine Development
6. Social Sciences, including Public Policy, Sociology, Geography
7. Synchrotron Science – all experimental science that uses a synchrotron for research (subject to approval of the Australian government and availability of the synchrotron)
8. Science – Chemistry, Biology, Biochemistry, Computer Science, Physics

The CSC and The University of Adelaide encourage the Chinese universities and institutions having collaborative relationship with The University of Adelaide to recommend students for this program.
1 October 2017
Applications open for a Semester 2, 2018 or Semester 1, 2019 intake

31 January 2018
Closing date for Application for University of Adelaide-China Fee Scholarship and Admission to a PhD to be lodged via the online system.

1 March 2018
The University of Adelaide will provide the China Scholarship Council and each qualified candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy with a copy of the letter of acceptance. The letter will be unconditional in terms of academic performance and English language proficiency.

April 2018
PhD candidates who have been granted the letter of acceptance shall apply to the China Scholarship Council for funding following the procedures set by the CSC.

End of May 2018
The China Scholarship Council will evaluate the listed candidates according to CSC requirements and priorities, and provide the University of Adelaide and your Home University with a shortlist of scholarship recipients. The China Scholarship Council will announce the final list of scholarship recipients and forward scholarship offer letters to successful candidates.

September 2018 to February 2019
Successful applicants commence PhD studies.

Enquiries must be addressed to email: hrd_intl_schols@adelaide.edu.au

Application process

Part 1 of the process
Expression of interest and preliminary assessment of eligibility

> Read the common questions available on the website: adelaide.edu.au/graduatecentre/scholarships/research-international/china-scholarship
> Review the areas of study available at the University of Adelaide.
> Email your expression of interest to hrd_intl_schols@adelaide.edu.au

Included in your email please scan and attach the following documents:
- An official English translation of your undergraduate and postgraduate academic records;
- Confirmation of when you will complete your current studies (month and year);
- Your CV (if you have published please include abstracts);
- A brief summary of your undergraduate and postgraduate research projects;
- A draft research proposal of 1-2 pages addressing your preferred research topic, a brief literature survey, methodology, expected timeline and outcomes;
- Evidence that you have met the University of Adelaide's minimum English Language Proficiency results, or the date when you have booked an exam; and
- Correspondence with a prospective University of Adelaide supervisor (if you have already contacted an academic member of staff). If you would like assistance in seeking supervision please indicate this in your expression of interest.

Part 2 of the process
Formal application to the University of Adelaide

If suitable supervisors are available the Adelaide Graduate Centre will invite you to submit a formal application using the online process adelaide.edu.au/graduatecentre/admission/apply-now/international

The formal application deadline is 31 January 2018

Part 3 of the process
Formal application to the China Scholarship Council

> If you are accepted into the PhD program and awarded an Adelaide University China Fee Scholarship, you must then complete the China Scholarship Council Application and Employer Reference form which can be found at: http://apply.csc.edu.cn
> We encourage you to lodge your expression of interest with accompanying documentation to the Adelaide Graduate Centre by mid December so that we can commence assessing your eligibility prior to the Australian Christmas – New Year holiday break.
> Based on the information you provide the University will make an initial decision regarding your eligibility to apply for admission to a University of Adelaide PhD. If we determine that you are eligible to apply we will contact the Faculty/ School/ Discipline to determine whether suitable supervisors are available to oversee your proposed research.