

How to Guide your Students to Apply for CSC Postgraduate

Scholarship Program (doctoral program)

1. Overview

Established in 2007 by the China Scholarship Council (CSC), a non-profit institution entrusted by the Chinese Government to manage the State Scholarship Fund, the Scholarship aims to improve the training of creative and distinguished talents and enhance the development of China's higher education. It sponsors each year up to 8,000 talented Chinese students for overseas study, pursuing doctoral degree or conducting academic cooperation under joint-training programs at world-class universities. As one of the most prestigious universities in China, Tianjin University (TJU) sends about 100 postgraduates each year under this program.

2. Scholarship Benefits

- 2.1 A living stipend amounting to about RMB 100 thousand each year
- 2.2 Health insurance (included in the living stipend)
- 2.3 A round-way international airfare

3. Scholarship Categories

3.1. Doctoral Degree Program

Students who wish to pursue doctoral degrees at overseas universities may apply for 36-48 month scholarships. The length of scholarship can also be determined according to the requirements of foreign universities. Awardees should declare the support of CSC in their dissertations and return to China after finishing their doctoral degree programs.

3.2. Joint-Training Program

Postgraduates currently registered at a doctoral program at TJU can apply for 6-24 month overseas joint-training scholarship. The joint-training program is organized under the cooperation of doctoral supervisors at home university and the host university. Doctoral students are expected to come back to TJU after this joint training for their dissertation defense and degree awarding.

3.3. Application materials include but not limited to:

- ✓ Formal admission at a foreign university printed with university letterhead and signed by the host supervisor. The content should include the following: personal information, period of invitation, research field, statement of tuition fee waiver, and an evaluation of the English language level by the host supervisor.
- ✓ A jointly designed English research plan approved and signed by host supervisor.
- ✓ CV of the host supervisor.

4. Application Procedures

The scholarship program will be launched in autumn semester, and students can apply till the end of February of the following year. TJU will carry out a pre-screening and recommend qualified applicants to CSC. CSC will organize a selection committee composed of professors and experts from related fields to select proper candidates for the scholarships. The scholarship selection results will be released in May. Then the awardees can depart for overseas study.

5. Partner universities

Continent	Country	University
Asia	Singapore	Nanyang Technological University
		National University of Singapore
	Japan	Yokohama National University
Europe	UK	The University of Sheffield
		The University of Glasgow
	Italy	University of Padova
		Polytechnic University of Turin
	Germany	Free University of Berlin
		Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht
	Portugal	Instituto Superior Técnico
France	Universite Nice Sophia Antipolis	
North America	Canada	University of Montreal
		University of Alberta
	USA	Case Western Reserve University
		University of Colorado
Oceania	New Zealand	The University of Auckland
	Australia	The University of Western Australia
		The University of New South Wales ADFA
		The University of Queensland
		University of Wollongong
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology		

6. Others

CSC also designed program for undergraduates and masters.

For undergraduate program, please consult Office of Undergraduate Affairs.

Master program is roughly similar with doctoral programs in all categories with the exception of limited professional fields, which is limited to the six fields such as agriculture, public management, economic management, social work, international finance and international law.