

China Link Short-term Scientific Exchange

Scholarship Program (2025)

● **PROGRAM INTRODUCTION**

To deepen the academic friendship and mutual understanding between Chinese and foreign young generation, and to build a platform for the exchange of scientific research young talents in the world, China Scholarship Council (CSC) carries out China Link Short-term Scientific Exchange Scholarship Program (referred to as China Link Scholarship).

● **PROGRAM SCHEME**

1. Funding Categories
 - General scholar: applicable to current undergraduates or graduates
 - Senior scholar: applicable to current Ph. D candidates or faculties.
2. Duration: Spring semester for 2026 (*Approximately from March to early July, 2026, with the specific date subject to the admission notice.*)
3. Study/Research Fields: All disciplines other than Chinese language study (*see the attached Program Lists*).
4. Working Language: English or Chinese (*see the attached Program Lists*).

● **FUNDING**

Successful applicants will receive a full scholarship from CSC during their stay in China, including tuition waiver, free on-campus accommodation, comprehensive medical insurance and monthly stipend (CNY 3,000 for general scholars; CNY 3,500 for senior scholars).

● **ELIGIBILITY**

1. Be a citizen of a country other than the People's Republic of China and be in good health both mentally and physically.
2. Register as full-time student or employed as full-time academic staff at CSC's foreign partner university by the time of application and throughout the proposed stay in China.
3. Applicants applying for general scholars should be current undergraduates or graduates of the above-mentioned partner university, and be under the age of 45;

Applicants applying for senior scholars should be current Ph. D candidates or faculties of the above-mentioned partner university, and be under the age of 50.

4. Language proficiency requirements:

- Applicants whose native language is not English need to provide ①score report of English language proficiency test (a score above IELTS 6.0 or TOEFL Internet-based 80 or equivalent), or ②a certificate from former university that the previous degree is taught in English, or ③a certificate indicating the applicants have studied in an English-speaking country for more than one year.
- Applicants for Chinese-taught programs need to provide valid score report of HSK level 4 (≥ 210).

● **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

December 7th, 2025 (Beijing Time)

● **APPLICATION DOCUMENTS**

1. **Application Form for Chinese Government Scholarship** (can be downloaded after completing the application in the “Chinese Government Scholarship Information System”).
2. **Homepage of Ordinary Passport.** If the validity of the applicant’s current passport does not meet the requirement (*meaning the passport expires before September 2026*), please apply for a new passport before submitting the application.
3. **Study or Work certificate.** Provide an official Student Status Certificate or Employment Certificate issued by the home university. It is required to clearly state the applicant’s current educational level or professional rank (e.g., undergraduate/graduate/PhD student or teaching assistant/lecturer/associate professor/professor/researcher, etc.).
4. **Notarized Highest Diploma.** If not applicable, please upload a school letter or employment letter issued by the current university.
5. **Academic Transcripts of Highest Education.** If not applicable, please upload a school letter or employment letter issued by the current university.
6. **Study Plan.** Personal Statement or Research Proposal in Chinese or English, at least 500 words.

7. **Foreigner Physical Examination Form and Attachments** within a valid period of six months (*see the attached Physical Examination Form*). The physical examinations must cover all the items listed in the Foreigner Physical Examination Form. Incomplete records or those without the signature of the attending physician, the official stamp of the hospital, or a sealed photograph of the applicants are invalid. Please select the appropriate time to take a physical examination as the result is valid for only 6 months. **Attachments of examination results (Laboratory exam report, Electrocardiograph report and Chest X-ray report) shall also be uploaded.**
8. **Non-criminal record report.** Applicants shall submit a valid certificate of Non-Criminal Record issued by the local public security authority, usually issued within 6 months prior to the submission date of the application.
9. Other Supporting Documents (optional)

Notes:

- *All the above documents should be Chinese or English version. If the original copy is in a different language, a notarized translated version in Chinese or English must be submitted together; as to the certificate issued by the school, the name and contact information of the certifier shall be affixed as well as the official seal of the school.*
- *Uploaded supporting documents must be clear, authentic and valid. Applicants are recommended to use a professional device to scan the relevant documents. Applicants shall bear the consequences caused by unclear or unidentifiable uploaded materials.*
- *Applicants do not need to send hard copies of the above documents, but shall bring the original copies when registration.*

● **APPLICATION & ADMISSION PROCEDURE**

STEP 1: Online Application

1. Applicants submit their applications to the “Chinese Government Scholarship Management Information System” at <https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn/#/login>. **Choose program Type B. The agency number of Chongqing University is 10611.** See  *Annex 1.docx* for the Instructions for Chinese Government Scholarship Information System (CGSIS).
2. Applicants submit their applications to Chongqing University’s Online Application System at <https://cqu.17gz.org/lxsgl/login.do>. See  *Annex 2.docx* for the Instructions for the system.

STEP 2: University Review and Pre-admission

Chongqing University will conduct a qualification review and initial assessment of professional competence based on the application materials provided by the applicants. Based on the results of both the initial assessment and subsequent evaluations, the university determines the list of candidates that will be submitted to the China Scholarship Council.

STEP 3: CSC Review and Admission

CSC makes a final review of the candidates and decides on the final list of scholarship winners. Chongqing University will notify the scholarship recipients of their admission results, send them the admission materials, and inform them of the registration and enrollment procedures via email.

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