

Chinese Government Scholarship Program Application Procedures

General

The Chinese Government Scholarship Program is available through an agreement between the National Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the Province of British Columbia (B.C.).

In B.C., the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Child Care, administers the recruitment of students and the routine management of the Chinese Government Scholarship Program.

A scholarship review committee recommends scholarship candidates to the China Scholarship Council (CSC). The CSC evaluates candidates and advises the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills of final recommendations. The Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills notifies successful candidates.

Eligibility

1. Applicants must be Canadian citizens, in good health, whose residence is in the Province of British Columbia.
2. Educational background and age limits are:

Category	Age Limit	Educational Background
Undergraduate studies	Under the age of 25	Completed senior high school with good grades
Master's degree	Under the age of 35	Must have a bachelor's degree
Doctoral degree	Under the age of 40	Must have a master's degree
General Scholar	Under the age of 45	Must have completed 2 years of undergraduate studies at an eligible B.C. post-secondary institution ¹ . May pursue any major except Chinese language
Senior Scholars	Under the age of 50	Senior scholar candidates must have a Master's or higher degree or hold academic titles or associate professor or higher

¹ "Eligible B.C. post-secondary institution" means all B.C. public post-secondary institutions and Trinity Western University.

Categories and Duration² of Scholarships

	Study Program	Duration ² of Program	Duration ² of Remedial Chinese Language Courses	Duration ² of Scholarship
1.	Bachelor's degree students	4-5	1-2	4-7
2.	Master's degree students	2-3	1-2	2-5
3.	Doctoral degree students	3-4	1-2	3-5
5.	General scholars	1	1	Up to 2
6.	Senior scholars	1	1	Up to 2

The duration of the scholarships is determined by the CSC and set at the time of admission.

Applicants are requested to select up to three institutions including one specialty as personal preferences from the Chinese institutions designated by the National Ministry of Education of China, PRC. Please select the institutions with careful consideration. Future changes to this list are not permitted.

Applicants must obtain at least a pre-admission letter before submitting the Chinese Government Scholarship application to ensure they are accepted by one of the institutions of choice.

Please review the CSC website for a list of Chinese Institutions admitting students under the Chinese Government Scholarship Program at:

<http://www.campuschina.org/universities/index.html>

² Duration is stated in years.

Application Deadline for the 2025 Academic Year

The deadline for receiving applications for the 2025 academic year (Commencing September 2025) is **February 21, 2025**.

Applications should be mailed to:

Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills
International Education Unit
PO Box 9157 STN PROV GOVT
4th Floor - 835 Humboldt Street
Victoria BC V8W 9H2
Canada
Email: Aest.international@education.gov.bc.ca

Online Application

An online application **must** be completed by each applicant prior to the deadline. A hard copy of the application must be included in the package sent to the International Education Unit in the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills. The Chinese Government Scholarship Online Application is available at: <https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn>

Reminder: All uploaded supporting documents must be clear, authentic and valid. Applicants are advised to use a professional device to scan all relevant documents. Unclear or unidentifiable uploaded materials may not be accepted.

The **Agency Number** for British Columbia applicants is **1242**, and please select **Program Category “Type A”** when applying for the scholarship.

Value of Scholarships

Full and partial scholarships are available annually.

Full Scholarship: A full scholarship covers tuition (or research) fees, basic learning materials, accommodation, living allowance, emergency medical care, comprehensive medical insurance for international students under the Chinese Government Scholarship program, a one-time settlement subsidy, and a one-time inter-city travel allowance.

Partial Scholarship: A partial scholarship covers tuition only. It may also include one or more items of a full scholarship (settlement subsidy and inter-city travel allowance excluded).

For detailed information regarding the value of the scholarships please view the Chinese Consulate's website at:

<http://vancouver.lxgz.org.cn/vancouver/lxgz/lxgz/2021110804094026845/index.html>

NOTE: The cost of the flight to China is not covered in the full or partial scholarships under the Chinese Government Scholarship program.

The Department of Education of Zhejiang Province, PRC, will provide ¥10000 toward the cost of the flight to China for students who plan to study in Zhejiang Province, PRC.

Application Materials

Applicants must provide a hard copy of the following materials, following the submission of the online application.

1. **Application Form for Chinese Government Scholarship** (in English).
2. **Copy of Passport Data Page:** Applicant shall submit a clear scanned copy of his/her ordinary passport with validity later than March 1, 2026.
3. **Notarized highest diploma:** Prospective diploma winners must submit official proof of student status by their current school. Documents in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized Chinese or English translations.
4. **Academic transcripts:** Transcripts in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized Chinese or English translations.
5. **Language qualification certificates.** Applicants for Chinese-taught programs must submit valid HSK reports in accordance with the corresponding Chinese proficiency requirements. Applicants for other language-taught programs shall provide relevant language proficiency certificates according to the universities' requirements, like IELTS or TOFEL report.
6. **Pre-Admission Documents.** All applicants must provide a pre-admission document issued by the universities applying. Pre-admission documents include pre-admission notice issued by the international students, admission department or invitation letter from the schools or professors, etc.
7. **A Study Plan or Research Proposal in Chinese or English.** (A minimum of 200 words for undergraduates, 500 words for non-degree students, and 800 words for postgraduates.)
8. **Recommendation letters:** Applicants for graduate programs or senior scholar programs must submit two letters of recommendation in Chinese or English from professors or associate professors. Reference letters may be submitted as paper letters or electronically as a PDF copy of the reference letter. Paper letters should be sent by the referee to the applicant in an envelope the referee has sealed and signed. Alternately, PDF copies of the reference letter must be sent from the referee directly to Aest.InternationalEducation@gov.bc.ca. The title of the email should be "Reference Letter: Chinese Government Scholarship Program." The email must include the applicant's name and the referee's contact details.
9. **Example of Art.** To apply for art or design related majors, applicants could submit their own works through "Example of Art/Other Supporting Documents" in the system. Applicants could also provide such materials to the applied universities directly in other ways.
10. **Applicants under the age of 18** should submit the valid documents of their legal guardians in China.

11. Applicants planning to stay in China for more than 6 months must submit a **photocopy** of the [Foreigner Physical Exam Form](#) completed in English (the original copy should be kept by the applicant). The form is designed by the Chinese quarantine authority and can be obtained from the dispatching authority. The physical examinations must cover all the items listed in the [Foreigner Physical Exam 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 physical examination as the result is valid for only 6 months.
12. **Non-criminal record report.** The applicant shall submit a valid certificate of Non-Criminal Record issued by the [local police](#), usually issued within 6 months prior to the submission date of the application.

NOTE: Applicants applying for undergraduate studies, general scholar or senior scholar categories are required to pass the HSK level 3. Applicants applying for the Master's degree or Doctoral degree categories are required to pass the HSK level 4.

NOTE: Successful applicants for the Chinese Government Scholarship Program can apply for the student visa to study in China

Inquiries

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LETTER OF REFERENCE FORM

Chinese Government Scholarship

Instructions to Applicants

Send one form to each of your referees asking them to provide the statement requested. Ensure the letter is returned to you, in an envelope sealed and signed by the referee.

Name of applicant

Information for Referees

The members of the Chinese Government Scholarship Committee rely heavily upon the recommendations of referees. In addition to learning the capacity in which you have known the applicant and the length of time, they are interested in having your opinion concerning his/her qualifications.

The Chinese Government Scholarship Committee makes its selection based on academic achievement, demonstrated aptitudes, personal qualities and character, as well as interest and participation in institutional and community affairs.

NOTE: Reference letters can be submitted either by paper or by PDF.

If you are submitting a reference letter by paper, please return your statement in an envelope, sealed and signed by you, to the applicant requesting the reference.

If you are submitting a PDF copy of the reference letter, the email must be sent directly from the referee to Aest.internationaleducation@gov.bc.ca. The title of the email should be "Reference Letter: Chinese Government Scholarship". The body of the email must include the applicant's name and your contact details.