

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 Advanced Education, Skills and Training, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, 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 Advanced Education, Skills and Training of final recommendations. The Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training 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
Chinese Language studies	Under the age of 35	Completed senior high school
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 Masters 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 (college preparatory courses)	4-7
2.	Master's degree students	2-3	1-2	2-5
3.	Doctoral degree students	3-4	1-2	3-5
4.	Chinese language students	1-2	none	Up to 2
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 and 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 are **recommended** to apply to institutions of choice to obtain a pre-acceptance letter at the same time as submitting the Chinese Government Scholarship application. This may improve the ability of the student to attend a university of choice. If the student has no preference, obtaining a pre-acceptance letter is not required at this time.

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

<http://en.csc.edu.cn/Laihua/universityen.aspx>

² Duration is stated in years.

Application Deadline for the 2018 Academic Year

The deadline for receiving applications for the 2018 academic year (commencing September 2018) is **February 28, 2018**.

Applications should be mailed to:

Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training
Planning, International and Intergovernmental Branch
International Education Unit
PO Box 9157 STN PROV GOVT
4th Floor - 835 Humboldt Street
Victoria BC V8W 9H2
Canada
Email: AEST.PlanningInternationalandIntergovernmental@gov.bc.ca

Online Application

An online application **must** be completed by each applicant prior to the deadline. A copy of the application must be included in the package sent to the International Education Unit in the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training.

The Chinese Government Scholarship Online Application is available at:
<http://laihua.csc.edu.cn>.

The **Agency Number** for British Columbia applicants is **1242**.

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 CSC website at: <http://en.csc.edu.cn>.

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 \$1900 toward the cost of the flight to China for students who plan to study in Zhejiang Province, PRC.

Application Materials

Applicants must provide the following materials

1. Application form (completed on-line and printed off).
2. Each applicant must enclose with an application, the official transcripts from the most recent place of study, which could include either a senior high school or a post-secondary institution. The transcripts must be in an envelope sealed by the school or institution or it must be a notarized photocopy. Documents in languages other than English must be translated into English and notarized.
3. All applicants are required to submit a study or research plan. The study plan should describe the applicant's short and long-term study goals, including what areas of knowledge will be acquired during the course of study and how applicants plan to make use of this knowledge in their future careers.
4. At least two letters of reference in English on the attached letter of reference form. One of these letters must be from a person who has taught the applicant. Applicants for graduate studies and senior scholars must submit two letters of reference by 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.PlanningInternationalandIntergovernmental@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.
5. Applicants for music studies are requested to submit a CD of the applicant's own works. Applicants for fine arts programs must submit a CD of the applicant's own works (including two sketches, two color paintings and two other works).
6. Applicants under the age of 18 must submit legal consent and guardianship documents.
7. Applicants are required to submit the Foreigner Physical Exam Form. The form can be downloaded at: <http://en.csc.edu.cn>. Incomplete medical 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.

NOTE: Applicants must have a valid Canadian Passport.

Inquiries

International Education Unit
Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training
Victoria BC Canada
Phone: (778) 698-9752
Email: AEST.PlanningInternationalandIntergovernmental@gov.bc.ca

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 on the basis of 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.PlanningInternationalandIntergovernmental@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.