

Application Procedures Chinese Government Scholarship

General

The Chinese Government Scholarship is available through an agreement between the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China and the Province of British Columbia. The B.C. Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development, administers the recruitment of students and the routine management of the Chinese Government Scholarship within the Province. The Chinese Government Scholarship Committee evaluates candidates for the scholarship and advises the Government of its recommendations.

Categories of Applicants and Duration of Scholarship

	Categories of Applicants	Duration of Major Studies	Duration of Remedial Chinese Language Studies	Duration of Scholarship
		Academic year/s		
1.	Undergraduates	4-5	1-2	4-7
2.	Master degree students	2-3	1-2	2-5
3.	Doctoral degree students	3	1-2	3-5
4.	Chinese language students	1-2	none	Up to 2
5.	General scholars	1-2	1	Up to 2
6.	Senior scholars	1-2	1	Up to 2

Remedial Chinese language studies are arranged before major studies. If the major courses for Ph. D and Master degree students are conducted in English, remedial Chinese study will not be arranged. The duration of scholarship for the scholarship student is set at the time of admission.

Application Deadline for the 2010 academic year

The deadline for receiving applications for the 2010 academic year (commencing September 2010) is December 31, 2009. Applications should be mailed to:

Chinese Government Scholarship
Office of the Inspector of Independent Schools
Ministry of Education
PO Box 9153 STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC V8W 9H1

Each year up to 5 full-time or 10 part-time scholarships are available.

Eligibility

1. Applicants must be Canadian citizens, in good health, whose domicile or ordinary 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. Will pursue Chinese Language as a Major
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 BC post-secondary institution ¹ . May pursue any major except for Chinese language.
Senior Scholars	Under the age of 50	Senior scholar candidates must have a master's or higher degree or hold academic titles of associate professor or higher

¹ "Eligible BC Post-Secondary Institution" means all BC public post-secondary institutions and Trinity Western University.

Value of Scholarships

Full and partial scholarships are available.

Full scholarship - A Chinese government full scholarship covers tuition (or research) fees, basic learning materials, accommodation, a living allowance, emergency medical care, comprehensive medical insurance for international students under Chinese government scholarship, a once only settlement subsidy and a once only inter-city travel allowance. Students are responsible for their own international airfare costs.

1. A monthly living allowance is paid to the students by the institution at the following rates (CNY Yuan per month):

- Undergraduates: CNY 1400 Yuan
- Chinese language students: CNY 1400 Yuan
- Master's degree students, general scholars: CNY 1700 Yuan
- Doctoral degree students, senior scholars: CNY 2000 Yuan

2. Emergency medical care, which is the outpatient expense, generated in the institution's hospital. Students may pay a certain percentage of the expense in accordance with the institution's relevant regulations.

3. Comprehensive medical insurance provided by the Ministry of Education of China for the scholarship students against diseases and accidents. The institution may ask for compensation on the payment receipts from the insurance company for the expenses generated from hospitalizing for serious diseases or from accidental injury.

4. Settlement subsidy (once only and after registration).

- CNY 1000 Yuan for new students whose period of studies in China lasts up to six months.
- CNY 1500 Yuan for new students whose period of studies in China lasts one academic year or more.

5. A once only inter-city travel ticket (each for coming-in and leaving China). A hard-seat train ticket (hard-berth train ticket only for overnight trip) will be provided to:

- Freshmen - transfer from the port of entry to the city where the admitting institution is located.
- Graduates - transfer from the city where the institution is located to the port of departure.
- Students - transfer from the city where they take remedial Chinese language courses to the city where the institution of major study is located.

Partial scholarship – Tuition only.

Application Materials

The applicants must fill in and provide the following materials:

1. Application Form for Chinese Government Scholarship (attached), one original and one photocopy, in English.
2. Each applicant must enclose with their application, official transcripts of their post-secondary academic record in an envelope sealed by the institution providing them. Documents in languages other than English must be attached with translations in English.
3. Applicants for Chinese Language or undergraduate studies will need to provide a *notarized (by public notarization agency or school authority)* copy of senior high school transcripts.
4. A study or research plan written in English (no less than 200 words for undergraduates, no less than 400 words for scholars, no less than 500 words for postgraduates).
5. Applicants must enclose with their application, at least three letters of reference in English. Each letter must be in an envelope sealed and signed by the referee. At least two of the letters must be from person's who have taught the applicant (see attached letter of reference form.)
6. Applicants for music must submit one cassette recording of the applicant' own work. Applicants for fine arts must submit six color photographs of personal works (two sketches, two color paintings and two other works).
7. Applicants under the age of 18 should submit the legal documents of their legal guardians in China.
8. Successful applicants whose period of studies in China lasts more than six months will be required to complete the Foreigner Physical Examination Form (printed by Chinese quarantine authority) so that this may accompany their application when it is forwarded. *Note: Please do not submit this form with your application. The Committee will notify you if have been awarded a scholarship and request that you submit this form.*
9. A covering letter, which includes:
 - how this award would assist you in meeting your educational goals;
 - an outline of your experience in living in or adapting to different cultures;
 - your interest and participation in institutional and community affairs;
 - your special achievements and hobbies;
 - your future career plans;
 - any further information, which the applicant feels, is relevant.

Application materials will not be returned regardless of whether the applicants are accepted or not.

Selection of Institutions and Specialty

Applicants must choose 3 institutions and 1 specialty as personal preferences from the Chinese institutions designated by the Ministry of Education of China. Please check the Directory of the Chinese Institutions Admitting International Students under Chinese Government Scholarship Programme or the website of CSC (<http://en.csc.edu.cn/Lianhua/>) for details.

Applicants are required to fill in their preferences of institutions and specialties strictly within the ones listed in the Directory. Applicants for master or doctoral degree studies and senior scholars are required to attach their detailed study or research plan with other application materials.

Basis of Selection

The Chinese Government Scholarship Committee will make its recommendations on the basis of academic achievement, demonstrated aptitudes, personal qualities, and character, as well as interest and participation in institutional and community affairs.

Preference will be given to applicants who are proceeding to their first Baccalaureate, Masters or PH.D. Degree.

Approval and Notification

1. The Ministry will forward recommended scholarship candidates, via the Chinese Consulate, to the Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC). CSC will forward the qualified applications to the selected Chinese institutions and the final decision whether to admit the applicants or not will be made by them. The application will be seen as invalid and will not be processed if the applicants are not qualified or the application materials are inconsistent with the recruitment regulations or are incomplete.
2. If remedial Chinese courses are needed, the students must pass the entrance examination or relevant courses during the period of probation before they can pursue their major study. Those who fail the required examinations shall finish their study and leave China.
3. Applicants are encouraged to contact their preferred institutions and tutors prior to application and enclose the relevant admission or recommendation letter. There are 94 institutions specified by MOEC listed in the Directory on the CSC website (<http://en.csc.edu.cn/Lianhua/>).
4. Scholarship applicants accepted by Chinese institutions will be officially confirmed as Chinese Government Scholarship students with endorsement from the Ministry of Education of China.

5. Finalized placements, specialties and duration of studies are, in principle, not to be changed.

6. The Inspector of Independent Schools, in cooperation with the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China, will notify successful candidates by July 31, 2010 and provide them with their Admission Notice and a Visa Application Form for Study In China (JW201).

Annual Review

Scholarship recipients are subject to an annual review conducted by the receiving institution. The review will cover academic record, learning attitude, lecture attendance and conduct.

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Insert **Application Form** (pdf) here:

LETTER OF REFERENCE FORM

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Instructions to Applicants

Send one form to each of your referees asking them to provide the statement requested. Ensure that 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: Please return your statement in an envelope, sealed and signed by you, to the applicant requesting the reference.