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ANNOUNCEMENT OAS-China Scholarships 2012

The purpose of the Scholarship and Training Programs of the Organization of American States (OAS) is to help the Member States in their efforts to achieve their objectives of integral development while supporting the development of their human resources in priority areas of the Organization. With this purpose, the Government of China, through the Ministry of Education of China (MOE), in cooperation with the OAS Department of Human Development, Education and Culture is offering partial scholarships to citizens of OAS member states to pursue undergraduate and graduate studies in China in any field of study available to international students starting in September 2012. The China Scholarship Council (CSC) is responsible for the enrollment of international students and carries out the routine management of Chinese Government Scholarship Programs.

CATEGORIES OF APPLICANTS AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

Categories of Applicants	Duration of Studies	Duration of Remedial Chinese Language Training	Duration of Scholarship ¹
	Academic Years		
Bachelor's degree students	4-5	1-2 college preparatory courses	4-7
Master's degree students	2-3	1-2	2-5
Doctoral degree students	3-4	1-2	3-6
Chinese language students	1-2	none	Up to 2
General scholars	1	1	Up to 2
Senior scholars	1	1	Up to 2

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

It is strongly recommended that all applicants have a good command of the English language.

Chinese institutions of higher education generally use Chinese as instructional language. Applicants with no command of Chinese are generally required to take Chinese language courses for 1-2 years before their major studies.

Undergraduate programs are instructed in Chinese. Applicants with no competency of Chinese are generally required to take Chinese language courses for 1-2 years before starting their academic programs. Only by passing the examinations after the college preparatory courses, students can start their university studies.

- 1 year of Chinese language training is required for studies in the following fields:

¹ Duration of scholarship specified at the time of admission CANNOT be extended in principle.

science, engineering, agriculture, medicine (western medicine), economics, management and law.

- 2 years of Chinese language training are required for studies in the following fields:

literature, history, philosophy, and medicine (traditional Chinese medicine, Chinese herb medicine)

Some courses set for general scholars, senior scholars and postgraduate students in some universities may be conducted in English. Please refer to the Directory of Chinese Higher Education Institutions.

Note: *Students are not permitted, in principle, to change their subjects, institutions or the duration of study specified in the Admission Notice and Visa Application Form for Study in China (JW201).*

PREPARATORY COLLEGE EDUCATION

According to the regulation of MOE, applicants for undergraduate studies leading to a bachelor's degree in the fields of science, engineering, agriculture, medicine, and economics, are required to take a one-year foundation courses (preparatory education). These courses include the fundamentals of Chinese language, mathematics, physics and chemistry. Students who pass the examinations of foundation courses can start their undergraduate studies on time, as specified in their Admission Letters. As stated in the chart above, this preparatory period is contemplated in the scholarship.

Tianjin University, Nanjing Normal University, Shandong University, Beijing Language and Culture University, Huazhong Normal University, Tonji University and Northeast Normal University are the institutions designated by CSC to offer the foundation courses in the 2012/2013 academic year.

BENEFITS OF THE OAS-CHINA SCHOLARSHIPS²

1. Registration, tuition, laboratory experiment, and internship fees. Costs of the laboratory experiment or internship beyond the university's arrangements should be covered by the student.
2. Basic learning materials fee that covers the necessary learning materials required by the host institution. Other materials shall be the expense of the student.
3. Accommodation on campus, in shared dormitories and bathrooms. Students who wish to be provided with private accommodation will have to specifically request this at the time of their application and cover the costs themselves.
4. Living monthly allowance provided to students by the host institution at the following rates (CNY Yuan per month):
 - Undergraduates: CNY 1,400 Yuan
 - Chinese language students: CNY 1,400 Yuan
 - Master degree students, general scholars: CNY 1,700 Yuan
 - Doctoral degree students, senior scholars: CNY 2,000 Yuan

² The provision and payment of all scholarship benefits, together with all arrangements necessary for assuring the Scholarship Recipient is able to complete his/her intended course of studies in China, are the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Government of China, except for the visa, travel to and from China, and certain course materials, which are the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Scholarship Recipient. Therefore, the acceptance of a scholarship shall imply the Scholarship Recipient's waiver of any and all claims against the OAS, its organs, and its personnel, that may arise in relation to the scholarship, the benefits thereof, and his/her presence in China under the scholarship, and if asked, the Scholarship Recipient will reaffirm that waiver in writing.

Scholarship holders shall receive their monthly allowance after registration. New students who register before the 15th of the registration month will receive the full amount of the living allowance of that month. Those who register after 15th will receive half amount of that month. Scholarship recipients will receive an additional living allowance equivalent to 15 days, after the graduation date set by the university. The allowance will be terminated the month after the student suspends, drops, or completes his/her studies. Monthly allowance covers school holidays and can be received during or after the holiday break. For those students who do not register on time without permission from the university, leave for non-health reasons or are absent from the university for over a month, the allowance will be suspended for one month.

Students who have to suspend their studies because of serious health reasons should return to the home country and cover their own airfare. The living allowance will be suspended at the time of departure. With the university's approval, the scholarship status can be reserved for a maximum of one year. The scholarship will be terminated for those who suspend their studies for other reasons.

5. An initial Accommodation Allowance: After registration the following lump sum will be paid upon arrival in China:
 - CNY 1,000 Yuan for new students who will study in China up to six months
 - CNY 1,500 Yuan for new students who will study in China for one academic year or more
6. Outpatient medical service and a Comprehensive Medical Insurance and Benefit Plan for International Students in China fees. Fee for outpatient medical service refers to the outpatient expense in the institution's hospital or the hospitals entrusted by the institution. The students should pay for a certain percentage of expense in accordance with the institution's relevant regulations. Comprehensive Medical Insurance and Benefit Plan for International Students in China is provided by MOE (Ministry of Education of China) to scholarship students in case of serious hospitalizing and accidental injuries. The institutions or the entrusted medical assistance agency provide advancement service for insurance expenses, and claim for compensation with relevant payment receipts from the insurance company according to the stipulated insurance articles. The claim of individual student will not be accepted by the insurance company.
7. Inter-city travel subsidy (each for coming-in and leaving China). Scholarship students are supposed to choose the nearest port to their admitting institutions for inter-city travel and a hard-seat train ticket (hard-berth train ticket for overnight trip) will be provided for new scholarship students transferring from the port of entry in China upon registration to the city where the admitting institution or Chinese language training institution, preparatory education institution is located. Transportation will also be provided for students transferring from the Chinese language training institution or the preparatory education institution to the city where the university is located, as well as for students transferring from the city where the institution is located to the nearest port for departure upon graduation. Expenses for food during the trip and excess of baggage are the responsibility of the student.

IMPORTANT THE STUDENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COVERING:

1. Some of the learning materials
2. Roundtrip air tickets.
3. Student visa fees³

Note: Students might be charged some set-up fees upon arrival in China (*i.e student ID card, internet, rent deposit, residence permit, bank account, etc*). We recommend students to bring between US \$300 and \$500 to cover those settlement expenses while the first scholarship disbursement takes place.

³ CSC will issue a certification letter that selected candidates must take to Consulate or Embassy of China to obtain proper travel visa.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

- Be Non-Chinese citizens
- Be citizens or permanent residents of an [OAS Member State](#).
- Be in good health to successfully undertake and finish the program of study.
- Return to their countries of origin and reside there for at least two years upon completion of the program of study in China.

Education background and age limit:

- Applicants for undergraduate programs must have senior high school diploma with good academic performance and be under the age of 25.
- Applicants for master degree programs must have bachelor's degree and be under the age of 35.
- Applicants for doctoral degree programs must have master's degree and be under the age of 40.
- Applicants for the Chinese language program must have senior high school diploma and be under the age of 35.
- General scholar candidates must have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies and be under the age of 45, and may study all majors except the Chinese language.
- Senior scholar candidates must have master's degree or above, or hold academic titles of associate professor or above, and be under the age of 50.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. The merits and overall credentials of the applicant, including academic and/or professional experience will be evaluated according to the following criteria:
 - The quality of the written essays including how well candidates explains the impact they believe their studies will have on their institution/community/country,
 - For graduate student candidates:
 - the candidate's university grade point average (GPA) and class ranking which should be considered superior by his or her country/institution
 - academic papers, writing and art works published
 - The level of completeness in the required documentation and the detail put into the preparation of the application.
 - The quality of the recommendation letters which attest to the candidate's ability to perform and to succeed as a scholarship recipient. The references should additionally describe what contribution and impact the recommender believes the candidate will have on the institution/community/country.
2. The potential and commitment of the candidate to apply the knowledge and skills acquired to the development of the sponsoring country.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The applicants shall apply to the OAS (working closely with the Embassy of China in the USA and the Office of the Permanent Observer of China to the OAS) **no later than Friday, [April 20th, 2012](#)**. Applicants may refer to the relevant authorities for details. Application materials will not be returned regardless of the outcome of the application process.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

The applicants must fill in and provide the following materials truthfully and correctly and must submit copies for each.

1. Application Form for Chinese Government Scholarship. This form must be, filled in Chinese or in English, and is available at <http://laihua.csc.edu.cn>. Please see the "[guidelines for applicants](#)" for assistance during the application process.
2. Highest diploma obtained (notarized photocopy). If applicants are university students or already employed, they shall also provide proof of enrolment or employment verification documents. Documents in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized translations in Chinese or English.
3. Transcripts: applicants for undergraduate studies are required to provide a notarized copy of senior high school transcripts. Applicants for the other categories of studies also need to provide relevant notarized transcripts from previous degrees obtained. Transcripts in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized translations in Chinese or English.
4. A study or research plan in Chinese or in English (no less than 200 words for undergraduates, no less than 500 words for scholars). Detailed research plan (additional paper can be attached) is required for graduate studies applicants or scholars for advanced studies. PLEASE WRITE AN ANALYTICAL ESSAY AND DO NOT COPY A LISTING OF THE PROPOSED COURSE CATALOGUE OFFERINGS.
5. Applicants for master or doctoral degree studies and senior scholars must submit two letters of recommendation in Chinese or English by professors or associate professors. Applicants who apply in China for master or doctoral degree studies must submit the Admission Notice or Invitation Letter issued by the targeted university.
6. Applicants for music programs are requested to submit one CD recording of the applicants' own work. Applicants for fine arts programs must submit one CD recording of the applicants' own work (including 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. Photocopy of Foreigner Physical Examination Form (issued by Chinese quarantine authority and only for those whose period of study in China lasts up to six months) filled in English. The medical 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 and a sealed photograph of the applicant will be considered invalid. The medical examination results are valid for 6 months. All applicants are kindly requested to take this factor into consideration when determining the time to take the medical examination.

The above materials must reach the OAS no later than Friday, April 20th, 2012 at:

**Organization of American States
Department of Human Development, Education and Culture
1889 F Street, N.W., 6th floor
Washington, DC 20006
Att.: OAS-China Scholarships**

SELECTION OF INSTITUTIONS AND SPECIALTY

Applicants may choose one academic program and up to three institutions as personal preferences from the list of Chinese higher education institutions designated by MOE. Please check the Directory of Chinese Higher Education Institutions Admitting International Students under Chinese Government Scholarship Program & Academic Programs or the website of CSC (<http://en.csc.edu.cn/Laihua/Search.aspx>) for details. Applicants are required to fill in their preferences of institutions and academic programs strictly in accordance with those listed in the Directory.

SELECTION PROCESS AND NOTIFICATION OF AWARD

1. CSC will assess all the application documents and CSC reserves the right to make necessary adjustments to the proposed institutions, specialties and duration of study. Qualified applications will be forwarded to the academic institutions and they will forward their nominations to CSC for agreement. Applications will be regarded as invalid and will not be accepted, if they fail to meet the enrollment requirements or if the application documents are incomplete.
2. If overseas applicants for degree programs with exemption of examinations are academically ineligible to the proposed programs, the institution reserves the right to decide the academic program they could attend or whether to give them conditional offers for their proposed programs. Students who attend Chinese language courses prior to their university study or those who attend the college preparatory program must pass the university entrance examinations or other examinations required before they start their major studies. Students attending the college preparatory program, who fail to pass the required examinations within the allotted period will finish studying in China as a language student, hence they will not begin their undergraduate/graduate course of study in China.
3. Applicants are required to enclose the relevant admission notice from Chinese Higher Education Institutions, if they have one, in the documents submitted to the OAS. Scholarship applicants academically accepted by Chinese HEIs will be officially awarded the Chinese Government Scholarship with the approval from CSC.
4. Students are required to sign their Admission Notice, if they have no objection with the placement, and are not permitted, in principle, to change their specialties, institutions or the duration of study specified in the Admission Notice.
5. The OAS and the CSC will conduct a joint pre-selection process in late April 2012.
6. The OAS will officially announce the scholarship awards in July 2012, and will forward Admission Letters and Visa Application Forms for Study in China (JW201) to the selected candidates starting in August 2012.

INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS

All pertinent information is available at China Scholarship Council website:

<http://en.csc.edu.cn/>

For universities and specialties information:

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

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