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OAS – CHINA 2016 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC)

The purpose of the Scholarship and Training Program 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 the Republic of China, through the Ministry of Education of China (MOE), in cooperation with the OAS Department of Human Development, Education and Employment, is offering partial scholarships to citizens of OAS member states to pursue studies in China, in any field of study available to international students, **starting in September 2016**. The China Scholarship Council (CSC) is responsible for the enrollment of international students and carries out the routine management of Chinese Government Scholarship Programs.

PROGRAMS:	Chinese language training, undergraduate and graduate programs in Chinese universities accepting international students
MODALITY:	Onsite in China
LANGUAGE:	Chinese and/or English
DURATION:	1 to 5 years, based on category of applicants
SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE:	March 25, 2016
START DATE:	September 2016
BENEFITS:	Registration, Tuition and Books, and Study Materials; Accommodation; Subsistence; Medical Insurance; and Local Transportation

1. 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

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 language of instruction. 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 in 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.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 year of Chinese language training is required for studies in the following fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Science ▪ Engineering ▪ Agriculture ▪ Medicine (western medicine), ▪ Economics, management and law. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 years of Chinese language training are required for studies in the following fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Literature ▪ History ▪ Philosophy ▪ 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.

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

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).*

3. PREPARATORY COLLEGE EDUCATION

According to the regulations of the 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.

Tonji University and Northeast Normal University are the institutions designated by CSC to offer the foundation courses in the 2016/2017 academic year.

4. BENEFITS OF THE OAS-CHINA SCHOLARSHIPS²

The OAS/China scholarship recipients will receive the following benefits:

A. Registration, Tuition and Books, and Study Materials:

- I. Registration, tuition, laboratory experiments, and internship fees.
- II. *Costs of the laboratory experiments or internship beyond the university's arrangements should be covered by the student.*
- III. Basic learning materials fee that covers the necessary learning materials required by the host institution. *Other materials shall be the expense of the student.*

B. Accommodation:

- I. Accommodation on campus, in shared dormitories and bathrooms.
- II. *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.*
- III. An initial Accommodation Allowance: After registration, the following lump sum will be paid upon arrival in China:
 - a) CNY 1,000 Yuan for new students who will study in China up to six months
 - b) CNY 1,500 Yuan for new students who will study in China for one academic year or more.

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.

C. Subsistence:

- I. Monthly living 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's degree students, general scholars: CNY 1,700 Yuan
 - Doctoral degree students, senior scholars: CNY 2,000 Yuan
- II. Scholarship recipients 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 the 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.
- III. The monthly allowance covers school holidays and can be received during or after the holiday break. The allowance will be suspended for one month for those students who do not register on time without permission from the university, leave for non-medical reasons or are absent from the university for over a month.
- IV. Students who have to suspend their studies because of serious medical 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.

D. Medical Insurance:

- I. 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.
- II. 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 prepare claims for compensation with relevant payment receipts from the insurance company according to the stipulated insurance articles. Claims from the individual student will not be accepted by the insurance company.

E. Local Transportation:

- I. Inter-city travel subsidy (one on arrival in China and one for departure from 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, Chinese language training institution, or preparatory education institution is located.
- II. 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.

RESPONSIBILITY OF STUDENTS:

THE STUDENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COVERING:

1. Some of the learning materials (estimated at US\$150)
2. Roundtrip air tickets, to and from China.
3. Student visa fees³ (varies per countries)

IMPORTANT Note:

1. Students might be charged some set-up fees upon arrival in China (*that is, student ID card, internet, rent deposit, residence permit, bank account, etc.*).
2. It is recommended that students **bring between US\$500 and US\$800 to cover those settlement expenses** while awaiting the first scholarship disbursement.

5. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A. General Provisions:

- I. 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 countries of origin and reside for at least two years upon completion of the program of study in China.
- II. 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's 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.

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

- 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.

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

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

7. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

- A. The applicants shall apply through the Chinese Government Scholarship application system (online application).
- B. The applicants shall apply to the OAS through the OAS Fellowship Management System (online application).
- C. The applicants shall mail all documents, as indicated in section 9 below, to the OAS **no later than March 25, 2016**
- D. Applicants may refer to the relevant authorities for details. Application materials will not be returned regardless of the outcome of the application process.

8. SELECTION OF INSTITUTIONS AND SPECIALTY

- A. Applicants may choose one academic program and up to three institutions as personal preferences from the list of Chinese higher education institutions designated by the MOE.

- B. Please check the Directory of Chinese Higher Education Institutions Admitting International Students under Chinese Government Scholarship Program (<http://www.sino-education.org/cmt.doc>) & Academic Programs or the website of the CSC (<http://en.csc.edu.cn/Laihua/programsearchen.aspx>⁴) for details.
- C. Applicants are required to fill in their preferences of institutions and academic programs strictly in accordance with those listed in the Directory.

9. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

A. Application Form for Chinese Government Scholarship:

Complete the application form for Chinese Government Scholarship (CSC).

This form must be completed in Chinese or in English and is available at <http://laihua.csc.edu.cn/inscholarship/jsp/student/StudentLogin.jsp>

Please note the following steps to complete the Chinese Government Scholarship Application Form.

Step 1: Log <http://laihua.csc.edu.cn/inscholarship/jsp/student/StudentLogin.jsp>
The applicants should register for a username and password before logging in.

Step 2: After signing into the system, please read the 'ONLINE APPLICATION GUIDANCE' and follow the steps.

Step 3: Click the 'NEXT' button and select the scholarship for which you wish to submit an application. Please select the Chinese Government Scholarship.

Step 4: Please note that the 'AGENCY NO.' is one of the most crucial parts of your online application. It is listed in the first blank space under the 'PERSONAL DATA'. Please make sure that you fill it in correctly, otherwise you will not be able to continue your online application.

*The 'AGENCY NO' is **8401**, which is the Education Office of the Chinese Embassy in Washington, D.C.*

Step 5: Please complete the online application form as accurately as possible, following the steps listed on the left of the application page.

Applicants are required to select the disciplines before choosing their majors. For any inquiry about the disciplines and majors, please refer the Disciplines Index, which can be downloaded from the "Help" section located on the left side menu of the application.

Step 6: Review the application form after completing and submitting it online.

Step 7: Download the completed application form by clicking the button 'DOWNLOAD APPLICATION' and print **two** (2) copies.

Step 8: Prepare the following supporting documents.

⁴ Only programs that have the red star (*) are in Higher Education Institutions admitting international students.

B. Supporting Documents:

I. Highest diploma obtained (notarized copy):

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.*

II. 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.*

III. A study or research plan:

The study plan must be drafted in Chinese or in English (No less than 200 words for undergraduates, no less than 500 words for other categories of applicants as indicated in section 1 on page 1). 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.**

IV. Two letters of recommendation:

The letters must be in Chinese or English from professors or associate professors or current or previous employers. Applicants who apply while currently pursuing studies in China for master or doctoral degree studies must submit the Admission Notice or Invitation Letter issued by the targeted university.

- 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).
- Applicants under the age of 18 should submit the legal documents of their legal guardians in China.

V. Copy of Foreigner Physical Examination Form (issued by the Chinese quarantine authority and only for those whose period of study in China is more than six months) completed 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 when to take the medical examination.

Step 9: Complete and submit the **OAS/China Scholarship application** form and upload the above required documents in the space provided in this application form.

Step 10: Send 2 copies of each document in the application package to the following address:

**Organization of American States
Department of Human Development and Education
1889 F Street, N.W., 7th floor
Washington, DC 20006
Att.: OAS-China Scholarships**

C. Additional Note and Contact Information:

- Applicants are encouraged to apply for admission to the universities indicated in the Chinese Government Scholarship application. **Applicants should apply for admission by March 1, 2016.**
- When mailing the application package, please indicate "**OAS-China Scholarships**" on the envelope.
- Please include the **copies** of Physical Examination Report and Blood Examination Report in the package and **keep the original** reports with you for later use when you go to China and register at the university.
- The deadline to submit your application package to the OAS headquarters in Washington, D.C. is **March 25, 2016.**
- Internet Explorer (6.0 or 7.0) is strongly recommended, otherwise inconvenience may be caused by other browsers.
- Only Chinese and English are accepted for the online application.
- All pertinent information is available at the China Scholarship Council website: <http://en.csc.edu.cn/>
- For further information or assistance regarding the Chinese Scholarship application form, please contact: Mr. Xue Yuan at china_oas@yahoo.com.
- If you have any questions about the OAS/China Scholarship application form, please contact: Elisa Granadillo at egrnadillo@oas.org .

10. SELECTION PROCESS AND NOTIFICATION OF AWARD

- A. CSC will assess all 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.
- B. 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.
- C. 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 approval from the CSC.
- D. 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.
- E. The OAS will conduct a pre-selection process in April 2016.
- F. The OAS will officially **announce the pre-selected scholarship awardees in May 2016**, and will forward Admission Letters and Visa Application Forms for Study in China (JW201) to the selected candidates starting in July 2016.
- G. The CSC will conduct a final selection from April to July 2016.

Chinese Government Scholarship (CSC) Application form:

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