

China Link Short-term Scientific Exchange Scholarship Program (2026)

● Program Introduction

In order to deepen the academic friendship and mutual understanding between Chinese and foreign young generation, and to build a platform for the exchange of scientific research young talents in the world, China Scholarship Council (CSC) continues to carry out China Link Short-term Scientific Exchange Scholarship Program (referred to as China Link Scholarship) in 2026.

● Program Scheme

1. Funding Categories

General scholar: applicable to current undergraduates or graduates.

Senior scholar: applicable to current Ph. D candidates or faculties

2. Duration

1-12 months

Start study in China no later than August 31, 2027.

3. Working Language

English or Chinese, depending on the program provided by the Chinese host universities.

4. Study/Research Fields:

All disciplines *other than* Chinese language study.

● Funding

Successful applicants will receive a full scholarship from CSC during their stay in China, including tuition waiver, free on-campus accommodation, comprehensive medical insurance and monthly stipend (CNY 3,000 for general scholars; CNY 3,500 for senior scholars).

● Eligibility

1. Be a citizen of a country other than the People's Republic of China and be in good health both mentally and physically.
2. Be under 45 applying for general scholars.
Be under 50 applying for senior scholars.
3. Register as full-time student or employed as full-time academic staff at CSC's foreign partner university by the time of application and throughout the proposed stay in China.

Foreign University List please refer to *Appendix 1*.

4. Have obtained admission qualification from the host Chinese university for the next intake

Host Chinese University List please refer to *Appendix 2*.

● Application Process

1. Applicants shall contact the host Chinese university in advance to obtain admission qualification.

It is recommended that applicants consult the host university's international student admission department as early as possible to confirm the specific deadline for university-level review (requirements may vary by institution).

2. Applicants log in to the Chinese Government Scholarship Information System (<https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn/#/login>) to complete CSC online scholarship application. After submission, contact the host university's international student admission department via email or the institution's designated channel, and clearly inform them of the following information: 「 Full Name + CSC Serial Number + Application for China Link Scholarship 」 .

For the *Online Application Guide*, please refer to *Appendix 3*.

The CSC application portal is open to applicants all year round.

3. Host Chinese universities will process China Link Scholarship applications and must submit the scholarship nomination list to CSC at least 2 months before the students' arrival in China.
4. CSC notifies Chinese host universities of scholarship award

results on a monthly basis.

5. Host Chinese universities notify scholarship award results to applicants.

- Appendix:**
- 1. Foreign University List**
 - 2. Host Chinese University List**
 - 3. CSC Online Application Guide**



Appendix 3:

Online Application Guide

-For Applicants

Please read the instructions carefully before applying for the scholarship.

Step 1: Visit the official website of CSC by <http://www.campuschina.org> and **enter the application portal** by clicking “Scholarship Application for Students” at the upper right corner of the page.

Register an account through [CREATE AN ACCOUNT] and log in.

Step 2: Input Basic Information. Click “Edit Personal Details” and finish inputting personal details by filling in all the mandatory information, verifying and saving the information. After the completion of this section, return to the previous page by clicking “Finish” and start filling in your application information.

Step 3: Select the correct “Program Category”.

Please select Program Category “**Type B**”.

Step 4: Input Application Information

Next, please move on to the section of “Language Proficiency and Study Plan”.

(1) “Agency No.” **XXXXX** (a five-digit number provided by the Chinese university)

After inputting the five-digit agency number, name of the Chinese host university will be automatically displayed.

Agency number and the Chinese host university name are directly linked. If filled in incorrectly, the Chinese host university will not be able to process the online application.

*Only one university available to choose.

(2) “Chinese Proficiency”: None/ Poor/ Good / Excellent

(3) “English Proficiency”: None/ Poor/ Good / Excellent

(4) “Apply as”: “*general scholar*” for current undergraduates or postgraduates; “*senior scholar*” for current Ph. D candidate or faculties.

(5) “Preferred Teaching Language”: Chinese/English

(6) “Discipline Applying for”: Disciplines that the Chinese university could provide.

(7) **“Major Applying for”**: Majors that the Chinese university provide except for Chinese language study.

(8) **“Duration of Major Study”**: YYYY-MM-DD to YYYY-MM-DD

Step 5: Upload “Supporting Documents”

(1) ID photo

(2) Passport Homepage: Applicant shall submit a clear scanned copy of his/her ordinary passport within validity

(3) Certificate of Highest Education: If not applicable, please upload a school letter or employment letter issued by your current foreign university.

(4) Transcripts of Highest Education. If not applicable, please upload a school letter or employment letter issued by the current university.

(5) Study Plan: Personal Statement or Research Proposal in Chinese or English, at least 500 words.

(6) Physical Examination Record for Foreigner: Applicants planning to stay in China for more than 6 months must submit a photocopy of the Foreigner Physical Examination Form completed in English or Chinese (Appendix 4). Applicants staying in China less than 6 months could upload a personal health statement instead.

(7) Non-criminal records report: Applicants planning to stay in China for more than 6 months must submit a photocopy of the non-criminal records report issued by the public authority at current residency. Applicants staying in China less than 6 months could upload a non-criminal records statement instead.

(8) Pre-admission Letter: pre-admission documents or invitation letter issued by the Chinese host university (optional)

(9) Papers or Articles Published (optional)

(10) Language Proficiency Certificate (optional)

(11) Other Supporting Documents (optional)

Then click **“Submit”** to complete the application.

Check each part of your application carefully before submission. Please make sure that all the information and uploaded documents are valid and accurate.

Step 6: Click **“Print the Application Form”** and download the form. There will be a **“Serial Number”** on the lower left corner of each page, please take it down and inform the Chinese university you’re apply for.

※Applicants could revoke the submitted application by clicking “**Withdraw**” and edit the application any time *before* the Chinese host university start to process the application online. After revoking the application, applicant must submit again after re-editing. If not, the application will not be processed.

Please use Firefox or Internet Explorer (11.0).

For applicants using Internet Explorer, please close the “compatible view mode” function ahead of editing.

