



The University of Sydney – China Scholarship Council Postgraduate Research Scholarship

2010 Guidelines

The University of Sydney – China Scholarship Council Postgraduate Research Scholarship (USYD–CSC PGRS) allows high-calibre postgraduate research students from selected universities in the People’s Republic of China to carry out full-degree PhD studies at the University of Sydney. Up to 11 Postgraduate Research Scholarships will be offered under this scheme in 2010, for commencement of PhD studies in July. Upon successful completion of the programme, students will graduate with a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Sydney.

Priority Areas of Research

Preference will be given to applicants working in areas of study that meet Chinese and Australian national research priorities and which are in line with the University of Sydney’s research strengths. Examples include:

- a. Advanced Material Sciences, New Materials and Manufacturing Industries
- b. Agriculture and Food
- c. Applied Social Science (including Government, Law and WTO-related areas)
- d. Communication and Information Technologies
- e. Ecology and Sustainability (including Energy Sources and the Environment)
- f. Economics and Business (work, finance, accounting, taxation and law, organisation and management, marketing)
- g. Engineering and Architecture (including Design and Urban Planning)
- h. Fundamental Studies in Science and Technology, Health Sciences, the Humanities and the Arts
- i. Life Sciences, Public Health (including Biotechnology) and Medicine
- j. Nanotechnology
- k. Oceans
- l. Robotics
- m. Space and Physics
- n. Transport and Logistics
- o. Water and Minerals

Eligibility

Eligible applicants:

- must be citizens of the People’s Republic of China, and must not be currently working or studying in Australia at the time of application;
- must not be aged over 35 years at the time of application;
- should have completed a Master’s programme, or one year of PhD study in China, or an equivalent pathway; and should be eligible to enter PhD studies at the University of Sydney without further preparatory study¹;
- must meet the University of Sydney’s English language proficiency requirements for admission², as demonstrated by an IELTS test completed no more than two (2) years prior to lodgement of a student visa application;
- must satisfy the Australian Government’s English language proficiency requirements for a student visa³; and

¹ University of Sydney PhD admission criteria:

http://www.usyd.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/admissions/entry_requirements/academic.shtml

² University of Sydney English language proficiency requirements:

http://www.usyd.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/admissions/entry_requirements/english_language.shtml

³ Australian Government English language proficiency requirements:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/students/students/573-4/eligibility-student.htm>

- should satisfy any additional selection criteria set out by the China Scholarship Council⁴.

Benefits of Award

The USYD–CSC Postgraduate Research Scholarship provides award holders with the following benefits:

- a. a faculty tuition scholarship to cover tuition fees (course fees and student activities fees);
- b. a living allowance as prescribed by the Chinese Government;
- c. a minimum cost international airfare from China to Sydney, and return on expiry of the scholarship;
- d. the cost of an Australian student visa application fee;
- e. the cost of Overseas Student Health Cover for the duration of the scholarship.

The faculty tuition scholarship is provided by the University of Sydney.
All other benefits are provided by the China Scholarship Council.

Conditions of Award

The USYD–CSC Postgraduate Research Scholarship is awarded under the following conditions:

- a. The scholarship may be held for up to three (3) years. This period may be extended to four (4) years in individual cases, subject to the approval of the China Scholarship Council and the University of Sydney; however, funding support usually does not exceed three (3) years.
- b. The scholarship must commence on the date specified in the formal letter of offer, unless the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International) at the University of Sydney approves otherwise.
- c. The scholarship is renewed annually on the recommendation of the Head of School/Department at the University of Sydney, subject to the award holder's satisfactory performance.
- d. The award of a scholarship of any kind does not guarantee the award of a degree. The award holder must demonstrate satisfactory progress, meeting all requirements for candidature and assessment, in order to successfully complete and qualify for his or her degree.
- e. The award holder may conduct up to 12 months (up to 18 months for students of anthropology and other special cases) of his or her research in China, subject to the approval of the faculty. The award holder must remain enrolled at the University of Sydney while conducting research overseas.
- f. The award holder may apply to suspend his or her scholarship in exceptional circumstances. Any such application will be jointly considered by the China Scholarship Council and the University of Sydney.
- g. The award holder may engage in a limited amount of paid employment, which must comply with the award holder's visa requirements⁵ and must not interfere with the award holder's study and progress.
- h. The award holder must return to China upon completion or termination of the scholarship.
- i. The University of Sydney asserts certain ownership rights of intellectual property created in the course of the scholarship, subject to the university's Intellectual Property Rule⁶.

⁴ China Scholarship Council: <http://www.csc.edu.cn/>

⁵ Visa requirements can be verified with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship: <http://www.immi.gov.au/>

⁶ University of Sydney Intellectual Property Rule: <http://www.usyd.edu.au/policy/>

How to Apply

Applicants must submit a complete application for admission to a PhD degree at the University of Sydney. Applicants must also complete a USYD–CSC Postgraduate Research Scholarship Supplementary Application Form, and include it with their PhD application.

In addition, applicants must complete a separate scholarship application with the China Scholarship Council.

A. Application to the University of Sydney

1. Read the information about how to apply for a PhD on the University of Sydney website:
http://www.usyd.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/admissions/index.shtml
2. Make contact with a potential academic supervisor at the University of Sydney, and discuss your research proposal. You can find a potential academic supervisor using the online Research Supervisor Connect tool:
<http://www.usyd.edu.au/research/opportunities>

Students applying to the Faculty of Economics and Business should contact the Faculty directly.

3. After you and your supervisor have reached agreement about your research proposal, complete a Postgraduate Research Application Form (for commencement in Semester 2, 2010):
<http://www.usyd.edu.au/internationaloffice/forms/pgformresearch.pdf>

Complete the USYD–CSC Postgraduate Research Scholarship Supplementary Application Form (at the end of this document), and attach it to your Postgraduate Research Application Form.

4. Submit both forms to the International Office at the University of Sydney. Applications must be received no later than 18 December 2009.

B. Application to the China Scholarship Council

1. Complete a CSC Application Form and the necessary Employer Reference Form(s). These forms can be obtained from the China Scholarship Council: <http://www.csc.edu.cn/>
2. Attach a copy of your University of Sydney application (as outlined above) to your CSC application.
3. Submit your complete CSC application, together with the copy of your University of Sydney application, to the China Scholarship Council. Applications must be received by 20 March 2010.

Application Timeline and Important Dates

18 December 2009	University of Sydney applications must be received by the University of Sydney. (PhD application + USYD–CSC Supplementary Application Form)
20 March 2010	CSC applications must be received by the China Scholarship Council.
Mid-March 2010	The University of Sydney will provide the China Scholarship Council with a list of suitable candidates, along with copies of the candidates' offer of admission letters.
Late March 2010	The China Scholarship Council will evaluate the nominated candidates, and provide the University of Sydney with a shortlist of potential scholarship awardees.
April 2010	The University of Sydney and the China Scholarship Council will announce the final list of successful awardees.
July 2010	Students will commence PhD studies at the University of Sydney.

Further Information

For further information, please contact:

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Supplementary Application Form

International students from the People’s Republic of China who wish to be considered for a University of Sydney – China Scholarship Council Postgraduate Research Scholarship must complete this form.

Applicants must read and understand the Guidelines before completing this form.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IN ENGLISH.

Form with sections: A. Personal Details (as shown on passport), B. Course Details (course you are applying for at the University of Sydney), C. Citizenship and Residency, D. Declaration. Includes fields for Title, Family Name, Given Names, Gender, Date of birth, Degree, Faculty or School, Home university or institution in China, University of Sydney Student ID Number, Country of Citizenship, Country of Birth, Country of Permanent Residency, and a declaration statement.

Please attach this form to your Postgraduate Research Application Form, and submit both documents to the International Office at the University of Sydney.

OFFICIAL USE ONLY (Information for USYD IO staff)

After PhD admissions processing, please detach this form and forward to:

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