

Chinese Government Scholarships – Program Overview Studies Commencing in September 2020



Chinese Government Scholarships (CGS) to support Chinese language studies or academic programs of study are available through an agreement between the Ministry of Education of the Peoples' Republic of China and the Province of Alberta, Ministry of Advanced Education (AE). AE administers the recruitment of students and routine management of the program within Alberta. The China Scholarship Council (CSC) evaluates candidates for the CGS scholarships and advises AE of its recommendations.

The scholarship is open-ended with ongoing monitoring of the success of the program. The final decision as to the term of the program is at the discretion of the People's Republic of China.

Up to five full and ten partial scholarships are available each year under the following categories:

Category	Major Study (year)	Chinese Language (Preparatory Study) (year)	Duration of Scholarship (year)
Undergraduate	4-5	1-2	4-7
Master degree	2-3	1-2	2-5
Doctoral degree	3-4	1-2	3-6
General Scholars	Up to 1	Up to 1	Up to 2
Senior Scholars	Up to 1	Up to 1	Up to 2

- Undergraduate scholarship recipients must register for Chinese-taught credit courses. They are required to take one-year preparatory courses and must pass the required test before moving on to their major studies.
- Undergraduate scholarship recipients can apply for preparatory course exemption if they completed their secondary education in Chinese or have a valid HSK certificate that meets the requirements of the host university.
- Graduate and non-degree scholarship students can register for either the Chinese-taught program or the English-taught program if applicable.
- Scholarship recipients of Chinese-taught programs without adequate Chinese proficiency must take Chinese language courses for one to two academic years to reach the language requirements of their host universities before moving on to their major studies. Failure to reach the required language proficiency will lead to the automatic termination of scholarship.

Application Process for Alberta Students for Studies Commencing September 2020

(See **Appendix A** for Application Materials requirements)

The deadline for submitting completed applications is January 31, 2020.

Applications should be mailed or delivered to:

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Scholarship Details (See Appendix B for *Scholarship Details*)

Full Scholarship: covers tuition (or research) fees, accommodation, stipend, and comprehensive medical insurance for international students under the CGS program.

Partial Scholarship: covers tuition fees only.

Eligibility

1. Applicants must be a Canadian citizen, hold a Canadian Passport, be in good health, whose primary domicile or permanent residence is in the Province of Alberta.
2. Educational background and age limits are as follows:

Category	Age Limit	Educational Background
Undergraduate studies	Under the age of 25	Completed senior high school with good grades
Master 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. May pursue any major except for Chinese language.
Senior Scholar	Under the age of 50	Must have a minimum of a graduate degree or hold an academic title of associate professor or higher.

Appendix A – CGS Application Materials and Instructions:

Applicants must complete and provide the following materials, in duplicate, with their application, by January 31, 2020.

1. Printout of the full on-line [Application Form](#) which applicant submitted electronically. Alberta applicants are to use **1242** as the **Agency Number** in the application. Please note that a photo must be attached to the application form.
 2. Official academic transcripts to coincide with the category of study.
 - Post-secondary transcripts must be in an envelope sealed by the institution providing them.
 - Documents in languages other than English must be attached with translations in English.
 3. Notarized photocopy of the highest degree/diploma achieved.
 4. Passport sized photo.
 5. A study or research plan written in English (not less than 200 words for undergraduates, not less than 500 words for scholars and graduate studies).
 6. At least two letters of reference, in English.
 - Each letter must be in an envelope sealed and signed by the referee.
 - At least one of the letters must be from a person who has taught the applicant.
 - Applicants for graduate studies and senior scholars must submit two letters of recommendation by professors or associate professors (See attached letter of reference form).
- Note:** Please address Letters of Reference to the *China Scholarship Council*.
7. Applicants for music study must submit one CD recording of the applicant's own work. Fine art applicants must submit a CD with six colour photographs of personal works (two sketches, two colour painting and two other works).
 8. Applicants under the age of 18 years should submit legal documents of legal guardians in China.
 9. A brief covering letter that describes your interest in the CGS, a description of how the award will assist you in meeting your academic, career or personal goals, special interests, achievements or international experience, or any information the applicant feels is relevant.

Notes:

- Applicants must hold a valid Canadian passport.
- Selection of Institutions and Specialty: Applicants may select three institutions and one specialty as personal preferences from the China institutions designated by the Ministry of Education of China. Please refer to the *Directory of Chinese Institutions Admitting International Students Under Chinese Government Scholarships Program* guide.
 - Graduate and non-degree scholarship students can register for either the Chinese-taught program or the English-taught program if applicable. Program Search can help you find the program and university you're interested in.
- The Foreigner Physical Examination Form, completed by a medical doctor, is to be included once the applicant has been accepted to the program and before they are applying for a Chinese Visa. Applicants **MUST RETAIN ORIGINAL** copy for presentation to officials upon entry into China.

Appendix B - Scholarship Details:

Full Scholarship:

Students are responsible for their own international airfare costs.

A CGS full scholarship covers the following:

1. **Tuition Waiver:** Tuition funds will be comprehensively used by the host university. It may cover scholarship students' education, administration costs and expenditures to support student activities.
2. **Accommodation:** Free university dormitory or accommodation subsidy.
 - a. If the host university requires students to live on campus, the university will accommodate the scholarship students in a university dormitory (usually a twin room).
 - b. If the host university permits students to live off campus, the university will provide monthly/quarterly accommodation subsidy:
 - Undergraduates and Master's (general scholars) students - CNY 700 per month
 - Doctoral students (senior scholars) - CNY 1000 per month.
3. **Stipend:** Within the scholarship duration, registered scholarship students will receive a stipend from their host university each month at the following rates:
 - Undergraduates: CNY 2,500 per month
 - Master's students (general scholars): CNY 3,000 per month
 - Doctoral students (senior scholars): CNY 3,500 per month

Students registering on or before the 15th of the month will receive a full stipend of that month. Those who register after the 15th of the month will receive a half stipend of that month. Graduating students will receive stipend until half month after the graduation date. If a registered student stays out of China for more than 15 days due to a personal reason (school holidays excluded), their stipend will be stopped during the leave.

4. **Comprehensive Medical Insurance:** Please visit <http://www.csc.edu.cn/laihua> or <http://www.campuschina.org> and refer to Comprehensive Insurance & Protection Scheme for Foreigners Staying in China for insurance policy.

Partial Scholarship:

One or some of the above items of the full scholarship – **usually tuition only.**

Approval and Notification

The China Scholarship Council (CSC) 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 PhD degree.

1. CSC will review all application materials and make necessary adjustments to the applied institutions, specialties and duration of study. Qualified applications will be forwarded to different institutions and the final decision to admit the applicant will be made by the educational institution. Applications will be seen as invalid and will not be processed if the applicants are not qualified for admission or are incomplete.
2. Applicants who have not completed admission examinations may be admitted through recommendation, on probation for one year. Student's probationary status will be switched to regular status if they pass the entrance exam or courses. If remedial Chinese courses are needed, students must pass the entrance exam or courses during the period of probation before they can pursue their major study.
3. Applicants for academic study are encouraged to contact the preferred institutions and tutors prior to application and enclose any relevant admission or recommendation letters.
4. Scholarship applicants accepted by Chinese institutions will be officially confirmed as CGS students with endorsement by the Ministry of Education of China.
5. Finalized placements, specialties and duration of studies are in principle not to be changed.
6. CSC intends to notify the Province of Alberta designate of the List of Enrolled Students, Admission Notices and Visa Application Form for Study in China (JW201) by May/June, 2020. The Province of Alberta will contact the successful applicants and forward the necessary documents to the applicant. The Province of Alberta designate is:

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Annual Review

International students studying in China under the Chinese Government Scholarship Program are subject to an annual review conducted by the institution. The review will cover academic record, learning attitude, lecture attendance, and conduct.