
UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY – CHINA SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION INFORMATION – 2015

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Introduction

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 2015. Upon successful completion of the programme, students will graduate with a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Sydney.

Scholarship Benefits

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

- a. a faculty tuition scholarship to cover tuition fees (course fees);
- b. a living allowance as prescribed by the Chinese Government (currently approx. AUD \$20,400 pa¹);
- 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, and is at the discretion of the relevant faculty or school. Candidates should note that the Sydney Medical School is not currently offering tuition fee scholarships under this scheme.

All other benefits are provided by the China Scholarship Council (visit the CSC website for details: <http://www.csc.edu.cn/>).

Applicants should note that the scholarship does not cover compulsory subscription fees, Student Services and Amenities (SSA) fees, student union/association membership/activity fees, or any other costs other than those specifically outlined above.

Eligibility Criteria

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 study²;
- must meet the University of Sydney’s English language proficiency requirements for admission³, as demonstrated by an IELTS test completed no more than two (2) years prior to lodgement of a student visa application;

¹ Applicants should verify the current rate with the China Scholarship Council: <http://www.csc.edu.cn/>

² University of Sydney PhD admission criteria: http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/admissions/entry_requirements/academic.shtml

- must satisfy the Australian Government Department of Immigration and Border Protection requirements for the issue of a student visa for postgraduate research⁴;
- must complete a formal application for admission to a PhD programme at the University of Sydney and receive a Firm Offer of Admission;
- must be offered a tuition fee scholarship by the University of Sydney faculty or school in which they are to be enrolled; and
- should satisfy any additional selection criteria set out by the China Scholarship Council⁵.

How to Apply

Applying for a USYD–CSC Postgraduate Research Scholarship is a three-stage process. Applicants must complete all three stages, as follows:

- (1) Application for admission to a PhD at the University of Sydney
- (2) Request to be considered for USYD faculty tuition fee scholarship
- (3) Application for China Scholarship Council support

Stage 1: Application for admission to a PhD at the University of Sydney

Candidates must lodge an application for admission to a PhD programme, following the normal student admission procedure:

1. Read the information for **Future Students** on the University of Sydney website about how to apply for a PhD:
<http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/international/postgraduate/research/>
2. Contact a potential academic supervisor at the University of Sydney and discuss your research proposal. You can search for a supervisor using **Research Supervisor Connect** on the University of Sydney website:
<http://sydney.edu.au/research/opportunities>

Special procedures for Business and Law students:

Students applying to the **Sydney Business School** should contact business.pgresearch@sydney.edu.au .

Students applying to the **Sydney Law School** should first complete an Expression of Interest:
http://sydney.edu.au/law/fstudent/research/how_to_apply.shtml

3. After you have reached agreement about your research proposal with your supervisor, complete a **Postgraduate Research Application**. You can apply online by selecting your PhD programme at <http://sydney.edu.au/courses/> , then click “APPLY ONLINE”.

You must indicate on your Postgraduate Research Application that you are applying for the USYD–CSC Postgraduate Research Scholarship.

If you have a letter of support from the China Scholarship Council, attach a copy to your Postgraduate Research Application.

³ University of Sydney English language proficiency requirements:
http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/admissions/entry_requirements/english_language.shtml

⁴ Australian Government Department of Immigration and Border Protection Postgraduate Research Sector visa (subclass 574):
<http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/574.aspx>

⁵ China Scholarship Council: <http://www.csc.edu.cn/>

The average processing time for PhD applications, once received at the University of Sydney, is six to eight weeks. Some applications may take longer to process, particularly where insufficient documentation has been provided.

PhD applications for scholarship applicants must be lodged no later than **15 December 2014** for commencement in Semester 2 2015.

The University cannot guarantee that PhD applications lodged after 15 December 2014 will be assessed and issued with a Firm Offer of Admission in time for tuition fee scholarship consideration.

Receipt of a Firm Offer of Admission to a PhD programme does not automatically grant you a tuition fee scholarship. You must register to be considered for tuition fee support.

Stage 2: Request to be considered for USYD faculty tuition fee support

Once you have received a Firm Offer of Admission to your PhD, you must register to be considered for tuition fee support. Register by completing the USYD–CSC Postgraduate Research Scholarship Online Application Form:

http://sydney.edu.au/global-engagement/forms/CSCPGRS_OnlineForm.php

You must register by **5.00 pm AEST** (2.00 pm Beijing time), **Friday, 30 January 2015**.

Registration does not guarantee an offer of tuition fee support – applications are competitive, and will be considered based on each applicant's academic merit and the priorities of each faculty or school. Successful applicants will receive a letter offering tuition fee support in March 2015. Tuition fee support will be contingent upon the applicant also receiving support from the China Scholarship Council for living costs.

Stage 3: Application to the China Scholarship Council

Candidates must have the support of the China Scholarship Council for living costs.

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 PhD application and letter of support for tuition fees to your CSC application.
3. Submit your CSC application, copy of your PhD application and letter of support for tuition fees to the China Scholarship Council.

The China Scholarship Council's application deadline is **20 March 2015**.

Scholarship Conditions

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 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 part-time employment to a maximum of twenty (20) hours per week, including work performed on evenings, weekends and holidays, subject to the terms of the award holder's student visa⁶, and provided such employment does 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 Rule⁷.

Further Information

Potential Academic Supervisor

To identify a potential academic supervisor, please search for your research topic on Research Supervisor Connect: <http://sydney.edu.au/research/opportunities/> .

Alternatively, you may refer to the relevant Faculty or School website, which will provide details of academic staff, their areas of research interest and current work, and contact details.

Faculties and Schools: http://sydney.edu.au/about/faculties_schools.shtml

University of Sydney Postgraduate Research Applications

Online enquiries: <http://sydney.edu.au/ask-international>

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⁶ Visa requirements can be verified with the Department of Immigration and Border Protection: <http://www.immi.gov.au/>

⁷ University of Sydney Intellectual Property Rule: <http://sydney.edu.au/policies/>

TIMELINE FOR USYD–CSC POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

University of Sydney PhD applications due	15 December 2014
Registration to be considered for faculty tuition fee support due	30 January 2015
Notification of results of request for faculty tuition fee support	March 2015
China Scholarship Council application deadline (main round)	20 March 2015
China Scholarship Council application deadline (second round)	May 2015
Semester 2 Orientation	20–24 July 2015
Semester 2 2015 commences	27 July 2015
Final date for Semester 2 enrolment	7 August 2015
Semester 2 Census Date	31 August 2015
Semester 1 Orientation	February 2016
Semester 1 2016 commences	February – March 2016
Final date for Semester 1 enrolment	Early March 2016
Semester 1 Census Date	31 March 2016

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Postgraduate Research Scholarship Online Application Form:

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