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ANNOUNCEMENT

OAS-China Scholarships

The purpose of the Scholarship and Training Programs 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 objective, the Government of China, through the Ministry of Education of China (MOE), in cooperation with the OAS, Department of Human Development, is offering support to citizens of OAS member states by providing partial scholarships to pursue undergraduate and graduate studies in China in any field of study available to international students starting in September 2010. The China Scholarship Council (CSC) is responsible for the enrollment of international students and carries out the routine management of Chinese Government Scholarship Programs.

CATEGORIES OF APPLICANTS AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

Categories of Applicants	Duration of Major Studies	Duration of Remedial Chinese Language Courses	Duration of Scholarship ¹
	Academic Years		
Undergraduates	4-5	1-2	4-7
Master 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

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 instructional language. Applicants with no command of Chinese are generally required to take Chinese language courses for 1-2 years before their major studies.

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

Undergraduate programs are instructed in Chinese. Applicants with no command of Chinese are generally required to take Chinese language courses for 1-2 years before starting their academic programs. Applicants who apply for study in science, engineering, agriculture, medicine (western medicine), economics, management and law are required to take Chinese language courses for 1 year. Applicants who apply for study in literature, history, philosophy, and medicine (traditional Chinese medicine, Chinese herb medicine) are required to take Chinese language courses for 2 years.

Some courses set for general scholars, senior scholars and postgraduate students in some universities can be conducted in English. Please refer to the Directory of Chinese Higher Education Institutions.

PREPARATORY COLLEGE EDUCATION

According to the regulation of MOE, applicants from the scholarship scheme-specified countries who apply for the bachelor degree of science, engineering, agriculture, medicine and economics are required to take a one-year foundation course (preparatory education) including 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 Notices.

Tianjin University, Nanjing Normal University and Shandong University are the universities designated by CSC to offer the foundation courses in 2010.

BENEFITS OF THE OAS-CHINA SCHOLARSHIPS²

1. Registration, tuition, laboratory experiment, and internship fee. Costs of the laboratory experiment or internship beyond the university's arrangements should be covered by the student.
2. Basic learning materials fee that covers the necessary learning materials prescribed by the host institution. Other materials shall be the expense of the student.
3. Accommodation on campus (shared dormitories and bathrooms. 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).
4. Living monthly 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 degree students, general scholars: CNY 1,700 Yuan

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.

- Doctoral degree students, senior scholars: CNY 2,000 Yuan

Scholarship holders shall receive their monthly allowance after registration. New students who register until the 15th of the registration month will get the full amount of living allowance of that month, and those who register after 15th will get half amount of that month. Upon graduation scholarship holders will be given a living allowance for another 15 days after the graduation time set by the university. The allowance will be terminated starting the month after students suspend their studies, drop school or complete schooling from the university. Monthly allowance covers school holidays. Scholarship students who do not get the monthly living allowance during holidays can get that upon their return to campus. For those students who do not register on time without permission from the university, leave for non-health reasons or are absent from the university over a month, the allowance will be suspended for one month.

Students who have to suspend their studies because of serious diseases should return to the home country and cover their own airfare. With the university's approval, the scholarship status can be reserved for a maximum of one year, and their living allowances will be suspended at the same time. The scholarship will be terminated for those who suspend their studies for other reasons.

5. One-off settlement subsidy after registration, paid upon arrival in China:
 - CNY 1,000 Yuan for new students who will study in China up to six months
 - CNY 1,500 Yuan for new students who will study in China for one academic year or more
6. Outpatient medical service, 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. Comprehensive Medical Insurance and Benefit Plan for International Students in China is provided by MOE (Ministry of Education of China) for the scholarship students in China in case of hospitalizing for serious diseases and accidental injuries. The institutions or the entrusted medical assistance agency provide advancement service for insurance expenses, and claim for compensation with relevant payment receipts from the insurance company according to the stipulated insurance articles. The claim of individual student will not be accepted by the insurance company.
7. One-off inter-city travel subsidy (each for coming-in and leaving 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 upon registration to the city where the admitting institution or Chinese language training institution, preparatory education institution is located, for students transferring from the Chinese language training institution or the preparatory education institution to the city where the university for major study is located, and 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 is the responsibility of the student.

THE STUDENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COVERING:

1. Some of the learning materials
2. Roundtrip air tickets.
3. Student visa procedures³

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

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

- Be Non-Chinese citizens
- Be citizens or permanent residents of an OAS Member State. For the list of member countries please check this link: <http://www.oas.org/documents/eng/memberstates.asp>
- Be in good health to successfully undertake and finish the program of study
- Return to their countries of origin and reside there for at least two years upon completion of the program of study in China.

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 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.
- 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.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. The merits and overall credentials of the applicant, including academic and/or professional experience will be judged by:

- the quality of the written essays and how well candidates explain a) the impact they believe their studies will have on their institution/community/country,
- for graduate student candidates:
 - the candidate's university grade point average (GPA) and class ranking which should be considered superior by the country/institution from which the candidate
 - academic papers, writing & art works published
- the level of completeness and detail put into the preparation of the application is and how complete the required documentation is. This will indicate that the candidate is serious and understands that the OAS-China scholarship offer is one that is internationally-recognized and very competitive
- the quality of the recommendation letters which attest to the candidate's ability to perform and to succeed as a scholarship recipient and describe what contribution and impact the recommender believes the candidate will have on the institution/community/country.

2. The potential and commitment of the candidate to apply the knowledge and skills acquired to the development of the sponsoring country.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The applicants shall apply to the OAS (working closely with the Embassy of China in USA and the Office of the Permanent Observer of China to the OAS) **no later than Monday, December 21st, 2009**. Applicants

may refer to the relevant authorities for details. Application materials will not be returned regardless of the outcome of the application process.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

The applicants must fill in and provide the following materials truthfully and correctly and must submit copies for each.

1. Application Form for Chinese Government Scholarship (issued by CSC), filled in Chinese or in English. It can be downloaded from CSC website (www.csc.edu.cn).
2. Highest diploma (notarized photocopy). If applicants are university students or already employed, they shall also provide degree certificates or employment verification documents. Documents in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized translations in Chinese or English.
3. Applicants for undergraduate studies are required to provide a notarized copy of senior high school transcripts. Applicants for other categories of studies also need to provide relevant notarized transcripts. Transcripts in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized translations in Chinese or English.
4. A study or research plan in Chinese or in English (no less than 200 words for undergraduates, no less than 500 words for scholars). Detailed research plan (additional paper can be attached) is required for postgraduates or scholars for advanced studies. PLEASE WRITE AN ANALYTICAL ESSAY AND DO NOT COPY A LISTING OF THE PROPOSED COURSE CATALOGUE OFFERINGS.
5. Applicants for master or doctoral degree studies and senior scholars must submit two letters of recommendation in Chinese or English by professors or associate professors. Applicants who apply in China for master or doctoral degree studies must submit the Admission Notice or Invitation Letter issued by the targeted university.
6. 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).
7. Applicants under the age of 18 should submit the legal documents of their legal guardians in China.
8. Photocopy of Foreigner Physical Examination Form (issued by Chinese quarantine authority and only for those whose period of studies in China lasts up to six months) filled 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 or a sealed photograph of the applicants are invalid. The medical examination results are valid for 6 months. All applicants are kindly requested to take this factor into consideration while determining the time to take medical examination.

The above materials should reach the OAS by Monday, December 21st, 2009:

**Organization of American States
Department of Human Development
1889 F Street, N.W., 6th floor
Washington, DC 20006
Att.: Ms. Patricia Quiroz or Julieta Maroni**

SELECTION OF INSTITUTIONS AND SPECIALTY

Applicants may choose one academic program and up to three institutions as personal preferences from the list of Chinese higher education institutions designated by MOE (list attached). Please check the Directory of Chinese Higher Education Institutions Admitting International Students under Chinese Government Scholarship Program & Academic Programs or the website of CSC (<http://www.csc.edu.cn/Lianhua>) for details. Applicants are required to fill in their preferences of institutions and academic programs strictly in accordance with those listed in the Directory.

SELECTION PROCESS AND NOTIFICATION OF AWARD

1. CSC will review all the application materials from the appointed authorities and CSC is authorized to make necessary adjustments on the applied institutions, academic programs and duration of study. The applications of qualified applicants will be forwarded to institutions and the final decision whether or not to admit the applicants will be made by them. If applications fail to meet the enrollment requirements or the application materials are incomplete, they will be regarded as invalid and will not be processed.
2. If overseas applicants for degree programs with exemption of examinations are academically ineligible to the programs, the universities will decide which degree program applicants will be offered or give them conditional admission offers. Students who attend Chinese language training courses or college preparatory courses before undertaking an academic program of studies must pass the entrance examinations or relevant courses required during their Chinese study or preparatory study before they start their program of studies. If preparatory undergraduate students fail to pass the examinations within the period prescribed in the Admission Letter, they can transfer to study programs of liberal arts and continue to study in China. Other students who fail to pass the examinations within the period prescribed in the Admission Notice shall complete their study as visiting students and return to their home countries.
3. Applicants are encouraged to contact the institutions and tutors prior to application and enclose the relevant admission or recommendation letter in the application materials.
4. Students are not permitted, in principle, to change their specialties, institutions or the duration of study specified in the Admission Letter after registration.
5. The OAS and the CSC will conduct a joint pre-selection process in late December 2009.
6. The OAS will officially announce the scholarship awards and will forward Admission Letters and Visa Application Forms for Study in China (JW201) to the selected candidates in April 2010.

INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS

All pertinent information is available at China Scholarship Council website:
<http://en.csc.edu.cn/lianhua/Default.aspx?cid=19>

For universities and specialties information:
<http://en.csc.edu.cn/lianhua/Default.aspx?cid=279>

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