Applications for Study or Research in the
People’s Republic of China
Academic Year 2018-2019

The Committee on General Scholarships is pleased to announce scholarship opportunities for year-long study
or research at selected universities in the People's Republic of China during academic year 2018-2019. This
program is made possible through an agreement between Harvard University and the China Scholarship
Council at the Ministry of Education for the People’s Republic of China.

Up to five full scholarships (including tuition and support for living expenses) and ten partial scholarships
(including tuition only) will be offered for study or research at approximately 600 Chinese universities
authorized to admit foreign scholarship students. Admission to the selected university for scholarship winners
is arranged by the China Scholarship Council (CSC) and recipients also receive a visa application which is pre-approved by the Chinese Ministry of Education. The scholarships are available for Harvard undergraduate
and graduate students. Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens and be in good health.

Please be advised that the timeline for review of applications by the CSC is long. In recent years, final decisions from the CSC have been released late July. Please be aware of this as you consider your application and feel free to discuss this with CGS as you think about your project.

AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

There are 3 scholarship categories for which Harvard students are eligible to apply under the exchange agreement:

- **Chinese language training**
- **General Scholar** – for students with at least two years of undergraduate training complete, including upperclassmen and recent graduates of Harvard College
- **Senior Scholar** – for students or scholars who hold a master’s degree or above

Applicants must choose one academic program and three institutions as their preferences from among the offerings described in the *Directory of Chinese Higher Institutions Admitting International Students under Chinese Government Scholarship Program* on the CSC website.

Please note that most academic programs, with the exception of language training, are taught in Chinese and the Ministry of Education may require that applicants with no command of the language take language courses prior to pursuing non-language programs. However, certain institutions conduct some programs for general and senior scholars in English. Please check the directory of universities for more information.
The CSC reserves the right to make necessary adjustments on the proposed institutions, specialties and duration of study. If the nominee is deemed academically ineligible for the program he or she proposes, the Chinese university may offer admission to an alternate program.

HOW TO APPLY

The application process for this program has multiple steps:

1. Candidates must complete and submit a scholarship application form on-line at the CSC’s website (see below), and then
2. Candidates must submit two printed copies of the application form along with all supporting materials to the Committee on General Scholarships at Harvard.

Applications will be reviewed at Harvard, and selected candidates will be nominated by Harvard to the CSC for consideration. The CSC will work with the designated universities on placement of candidates, and final results will be announced to candidates through the Committee on General Scholarships.

Once the awards are made and the visa certification forms are issued, the student will work directly with the Chinese University to which he or she is admitted on all enrollment matters.

The China Scholarship Council website (www.csc.edu.cn) includes a wealth of information about available options which you may find helpful as you plan your proposed project.

The Application

The on-line application system may be accessed at: http://www.csc.edu.cn/laihua or www.campuschina.org. The application must be completed in English. The CSC recommends using Firefox or Internet Explorer 11.0 to access their system.

The Chinese consulate has provided the following instructions to assist you in completing the application:

- **Step 1:** Visit http://www.csc.edu.cn/laihua or www.campuschina.org and click on “Application Online for International Students.”
- **Step 2:** Read “Tips for online application” before clicking “NEXT” to access the registration page.
- **Step 3:** Log in with your username and password. For new users, click “Create an account” for registration.
- **Step 4:** Fill in the correct “Program Category” (Type A) and “Agency Number” (8404). Filling in the Program Category will allow you to enter the Agency Number. Once you enter the correct Agency Number, the name of the agency will appear automatically.
- **Step 5:** Fill in the Online Application Form and Upload Supporting Documents accurately and completely by following the steps on the left side of the page.
  - Applicants are required to select a discipline before choosing their majors. Please refer to the Disciplines Index for assistance, available by clicking “HELP.”
- **Step 6:** Preview the application form before submitting online.
- **Step 7:** Download the finished application form by clicking “DOWNLOAD APPLICATION” and print two copies.
Supporting Materials

In addition to two copies of the application form, you should prepare one copy of the following supporting materials:

1. Official academic transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate study. (Transcripts in languages other than Chinese or English must include notarized translations in Chinese or English.)

2. A study or research plan. The plan should describe why you want to undertake your proposed plan of study, what you expect to accomplish, and how it will advance your academic goals. If you have been communicating with scholars in China with whom you plan to work, please include that information in your essay. If you have them, you should also attach any notices of admission or letters of invitation to your study plan.

3. Two letters of recommendation from academic faculty. The letters should be printed on letterhead and bear the original signature of the recommender.

4. If you have communicated with a Chinese university about affiliation, please include any letter or email correspondence from the faculty member or university which indicates their intention to offer you a placement.

5. Applicants for music studies will need to submit a CD of the applicant’s original work. Applicants for fine arts programs should submit a CD of the applicant's original work including two sketches, two color paintings, and two other works.

Additional Supporting Material

6. Diplomas. The CSC website will reference diplomas as part of the supporting materials. Applicants from Harvard are not required to submit copies of diplomas as part of the initial application. If they are needed at a later date, we will contact you.

7. Foreigner Physical Examination Form. This form, written by the Chinese quarantine authority, may be downloaded from http://www.csc.edu.cn. You will not need to submit this form as part of your initial application. However, you will need this completed form during your visa process. The forms are valid for six months only, so please plan the timing of your physical examination carefully.

All supporting documentation should be prepared in English.

DEADLINES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Please submit your application to the Committee on General Scholarships by mail or in person at 14 Story Street, 3rd floor, Cambridge, MA 02138. The deadline for applications is February 15, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Please be advised that final scholarship results may not be known until July 2018.

The CGS administrative staff is happy to answer any questions you may have as you complete your application. Please feel free to contact them at 617-496-9367 or cgs@fas.harvard.edu for assistance.