

University of Amsterdam - China Scholarship Council PhD Programme
Fact sheet 2021-2022

Background

In 2013, the University of Amsterdam and the China Scholarship Council signed an agreement on PhD training, catering for outstanding PhD candidates from China, to pursue a PhD at the UvA on a 48-month scholarship awarded by the CSC.

PhD-candidates interested in pursuing this opportunity have to undertake a twofold procedure, comprising two tracks:

- Applying for a PhD position at the UvA
- Applying for a PhD scholarship at the CSC

This fact sheet provides information and relevant links on the procedure and can be used as a checklist by interested candidates.

Timings and deadline for the 2022 scholarship programme

The CSC application deadline was stipulated on **10-31 March 2022**. For up to date information check the website of CSC <http://en.csc.edu.cn> . Please note that we advise applicants to start the procedure of applying for a PhD position at the UvA well in advance of the CSC deadline. The UvA deadline has been extended to **25 March 2022** and you will need to arrange a letter of acceptance by your supervisor or the department by this date.

Guidelines and procedure for prospective CSC bursary PhDs in UvA

1. Identify an appropriate research group within UvA matching the thematic focus of your envisaged PhD research project – also see under 2.
2. Contact an envisaged PhD supervisor and prepare a PhD research proposal in consultation. If the prospective supervisor is willing to accept your proposal and act as your supervisor, you can go ahead.

For possible supervisors in Medicine:

<https://www.amsterdamumc.org/research/researchers.htm>

Additional information specifically for prospective PhD candidates in Medicine:

<https://amsterdamumc.org/en/education/phd-student/trajectory.htm>

For other faculties: <https://www.uva.nl/en/about-the-uva/organisation/organisation.html>

3. Submit a scan of your master and bachelor diploma, all transcripts, a CV and a copy of your passport or other ID to your prospective supervisor. The supervisor must submit your dossier to the Doctorate Board for a preliminary diploma evaluation (via CvP-exemption-bb@uva.nl).
4. If the prospective PhD thesis supervisor approves your application and the preliminary diploma evaluation is positive, (s)he can arrange approval of the director of the relevant department. The latter will issue a letter of acceptance, stating that the UvA will accept the PhD candidate if the candidate is selected by the CSC for a PhD scholarship. The letter has to

be sent *both to the applicant as well as the secretariat of the Doctorate Board at the UvA* (via CvP-exemption-bb@uva.nl). If this letter is not sent to the secretariat, you cannot be added to the nomination list which needs to be sent by UvA to CSC.

5. If the UvA accepts the PhD research proposal and therefore accepts you as a candidate AND the CSC decides to select you for a PhD scholarship, you can start preparing your stay in Amsterdam.

Please consult the UvA's Staff Immigration Office for guidance and advice and refer to: <http://www.uva.nl/en/about-the-uva/working-at-the-uva/practical-information>

Consult the website of the Doctorate Board on your admission to the PhD programme: www.uva.nl/phd.

Guidelines and procedure for prospective CSC bursary PhDs in CSC

1. Verify if you are an eligible candidate according to the CSC guidelines and regulations via: <http://apply.csc.edu.cn/>
2. Check with your promotor whether your English language proficiency meets the minimum requirements.
3. Upon completing steps 1 – 4 for applying for a PhD position at the UvA and obtaining a letter of acceptance, the applicants must apply to the CSC directly. For the 2022 programme, you are required to submit your complete application to the CSC by the deadline communicated at the CSC website.
4. The CSC will undertake to select the candidates in May – June 2022 and notify the candidates of the outcome of the selection procedure.

Further information

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 - Staff Immigration Office: Sio-ac@uva.nl
 - International Office UAMC-UvA: internationaloffice@amc.uva.nl