

University of Amsterdam - China Scholarship Council PhD Programme

Fact sheet 2020

Background

In September 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.

Interested 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 2020 scholarship programme

The CSC application deadline was stipulated from 10-31 March. Please note that we advise applicants to start the procedure of applying for a PhD position at the UvA well in advance of the deadline!

Latest information (March 3, 2020):

Due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus, all Chinese universities have postponed their new semester till March or even later, which has caused adjustments to the original timeline for the 2020 CSC online application. The CSC application has been postponed from 10-31 March to 10-30 April, so as to give both the applicants and their home institutions enough time to prepare. The panel of academics evaluation will be organized in May, and the final result will come out in June. Considering that all the major English tests have been cancelled in March, the applicants need not to hand in their IELTS, TOEFL scores when applying online if they haven't taken the tests, but once they pass the evaluation and are potentially granted the scholarship, they need to hand in the qualified English test scores, so that they can finally get approved to obtain the scholarship and go abroad.

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.
2. Contact an envisaged PhD supervisor who is willing and able to act as your supervisor while obtaining your PhD at the UvA.
3. Check the step-by-step instructions for applying for a PhD position at the UvA:

<https://www.uva.nl/en/research/phd/doctoral-programme/admission/admission.html>

4. If the prospective PhD thesis supervisor approves your application, the request for exemption from the Dutch educational requirements, for a doctorate at the UvA must be completed and signed, and

submitted together with the required documents. If you are eligible for admission, you and your prospective supervisor will receive an official decision indicating so.

5. Prepare a PhD research proposal in consultation with the PhD thesis supervisor

6. As soon as the PhD research proposal is finalised, and the decision mentioned under 4 is positive, the PhD thesis supervisor is responsible for arranging approval of the director of the research institute / graduate school / faculty. The appropriate director will be requested to 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*.

7. If the UvA accepts the PhD research proposal and the CSC decides to select the applicant 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>

CSC

1. Verify if you are an eligible candidate according to the CSC guidelines and regulations via: <http://apply.csc.edu.cn/csc/main/person/login/index.jsf>

2. Check whether your English language proficiency meets the minimum requirements.

3. Upon completing steps 1 – 6 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 2020 programme, you are requested to submit your complete application to the CSC by abovementioned deadline at the latest, please refer to <http://apply.csc.edu.cn/csc/main/person/login/index.jsf>

4. The CSC will undertake to select the candidates in May – June 2020 and notify the candidates of the outcome of the selection procedure.

Further information

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