



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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ANNOUNCEMENT

YOUTH OF EXCELLENCE SCHEME OF CHINA PROGRAM CHINESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP 2024/2025

The Ministry is in receipt of communication from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Kenya informing that the application portal for the 2024/2025 Youth of Excellence Chinese Government Scholarship program is open until **15th April, 2024**. The program provides **Two Hundred (200) full scholarship slots for Masters students** around the world. The program is aimed at training global governance talents with a broad international perspective, superior comprehensive quality, outstanding leadership and multicultural background.

Training Approach and Duration

In principle, the curriculum leads to a master's degree and lasts 12 months. Some programs follow the "1+1" paradigm, which requires students to do their full-time basic course work and research in Chinese universities in the first academic year while finishing up their dissertation preparations. Before traveling to China to defend their dissertations as required by the universities, they must work in their home countries during the second academic year and finish their dissertations based on studies and actual work. A degree will be awarded to those who successfully complete the defence.

Coverage: Full scholarship

Application requirements

1. An applicant must be a citizen of a country other than the People's Republic of China, and be under the age of 45 years in good health both mentally and physically.
2. An applicant must have a bachelor's degree or higher degree and at least three years of work experience. Those with professional training or work experience related to the proposed program will be given preference.
3. An applicant must fall into one of the following four categories:
 - i. A government official at the division chief level (or equivalent level) or above;
 - ii. A senior manager of an institution or enterprise;
 - iii. An administrator of a university or scientific research institution;

- iv. Those who have relevant employment or internship experience in international organizations.
4. One has to seek pre admission letter from the university they intent to study. The pre-admission letter given by the university must contain all of the necessary information of registration, such as personal information and the admission date. It cannot contain any information about having received or promised to receive Chinese government scholarships.

Application approach

1) Online application

Applicants should log on to the Chinese Government Scholarship System for online application ([http:// studyinchina.csc.edu.cn/#/login](http://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn/#/login)) and submit application materials on or before **15th April, 2024**.

Applicants should have received a pre-admission letter from one of subprograms at least when they apply.

When applying online, choose "**Type A**" for "Scholarship Type". The agency code is **1563**, and applicants need to find "Youth of Excellence Scheme of China".

2) Handling of applications

The China Scholarship Council accepts individual applications directly and will review the materials submitted by applicants then arrange for expert review.

Assessment and enrolment

1. The application materials will undergo a preliminary examination by the China Scholarship Council.
2. China Scholarship Council will arrange a second examination by a panel of experts. The final enrolment results will be announced after expert review.

Timelines

No.	Time	steps	Requirements
1	January through April 2024	Application preparations	Applicants prepare application materials as required and apply for pre-admission letter from the intended university.
2	15 th April, 2024	Online Application deadline	For online application, applicants need to log in through https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn/#/login .

3	May, 2024	Documents review	A panel of experts arranged by the China Scholarship Council review the application documents to determine who to enroll.
4	June, 2024	Enrollment announcement	Admissions outcomes are publicized and documents for admission are sent.
5	July & August, 2024	Visa to China application	Those who have been accepted go to Chinese embassies or consulates to obtain study visas and prepare to study in China.
6	September, 2024	Commencement of study in China	Students arrive at the university, complete registration and obtain the residence permits.

A list of universities and subprograms and links to the universities are available at www.campuschina.org under the theme Scholarship (Government scholarship then Youth of excellence scheme of china program).