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## UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY – CHINA SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

### APPLICATION INFORMATION – 2016

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#### Introduction

The University of Sydney – China Scholarship Council (USYD-CSC) Postgraduate Research Scholarship allows high-calibre postgraduate research students from selected universities in the People's Republic of China to carry out full-degree PhD studies at the University of Sydney. Postgraduate Research Scholarships of up to 48 months will be offered under this scheme in 2016. Upon successful completion of the program, students will graduate with a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Sydney.

#### Scholarship Benefits

The USYD–CSC Postgraduate Research Scholarship provides the following benefits:

- a. Tuition scholarship to cover tuition fees (course fees);
- b. Living allowance as prescribed by the Chinese Government (currently approx. AUD \$20,400 pa<sup>1</sup>);
- c. Minimum cost international airfare from China to Sydney, and return on expiry of the scholarship;
- d. Cost of an Australian student visa application fee;
- e. Cost of Overseas Student Health Cover for the duration of the scholarship.

The tuition scholarship is provided by the University of Sydney, and is at the discretion of the relevant faculty or school. Candidates should note that the Sydney Medical School is not currently offering tuition fee scholarships under this scheme.

All other benefits are provided by the China Scholarship Council (visit the CSC website for details: <http://www.csc.edu.cn/>).

Applicants should note that the scholarship does not cover compulsory subscription fees, Student Services and Amenities (SSA) fees, student union/association membership/activity fees, or costs other than those specifically outlined above.

#### Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants:

- must be citizens of the People's Republic of China, and must not be currently working or studying in Australia at the time of application;
- must not be aged over 35 years at the time of application;
- should have completed a Master's program, or one year of PhD study in China, or an equivalent pathway; and should be eligible to enter PhD studies at the University of Sydney without further preparatory study<sup>2</sup>;
- must meet the University of Sydney's English language proficiency requirements for admission<sup>3</sup>, as demonstrated by an IELTS test completed no more than two (2) years prior to lodgement of a student visa application;

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<sup>1</sup> Applicants should verify the current rate with the China Scholarship Council: <http://www.csc.edu.cn/>

<sup>2</sup> University of Sydney PhD admission criteria:  
[http://sydney.edu.au/future\\_students/international\\_postgraduate\\_research/admissions/entry\\_requirements/academic.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/admissions/entry_requirements/academic.shtml)

<sup>3</sup> University of Sydney English language proficiency requirements:  
[http://sydney.edu.au/future\\_students/international\\_postgraduate\\_research/admissions/entry\\_requirements/english\\_language.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/admissions/entry_requirements/english_language.shtml)

- must satisfy the Australian Government Department of Immigration and Border Protection requirements for the issue of a student visa for postgraduate research<sup>4</sup>;
- must complete a formal application for admission to a PhD program at the University of Sydney and receive an Unconditional Offer of Admission;
- must be offered a tuition fee scholarship by the University of Sydney; and
- should satisfy any additional selection criteria set out by the China Scholarship Council<sup>5</sup>.

### How to Apply

Applying for a USYD–CSC Postgraduate Research Scholarship is a three-stage process. Applicants must complete all three stages, as follows:

- (1) Application for admission to a PhD at the University of Sydney
- (2) Application for a USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship
- (3) Application for support from the China Scholarship Council

### **Stage 1: Application for admission to a PhD at the University of Sydney**

Candidates must lodge an application for admission to a PhD program, following the admission procedure:

1. Read the information for **Future Students** on the University of Sydney website about how to apply for a PhD:  
[How to apply - The University of Sydney](#)
2. Contact a potential academic supervisor at the University of Sydney and discuss your research proposal. You can search for a supervisor using **Research Supervisor Connect** on the University of Sydney website:  
[Research Supervisor Connect - The University of Sydney](#)

#### Special procedures for Business and Law students:

Students applying to the **Sydney Business School** should contact  
[business.pgresearch@sydney.edu.au](mailto:business.pgresearch@sydney.edu.au)

Students applying to the **Sydney Law School** should first complete an Expression of Interest:  
[Admission to Research Programs @ Sydney Law School - Future students - The University of Sydney](#)

3. After you have reached agreement about your research proposal with your proposed supervisor, complete a **Postgraduate Research Application**. You can apply online by selecting your PhD program at <http://sydney.edu.au/courses/>

You must indicate on your Postgraduate Research Admission Application that you are applying for the USYD–CSC Postgraduate Research Scholarship.

If you have a letter of support from the China Scholarship Council, attach a copy to your Postgraduate Research Admission Application.

The average processing time for a PhD Admission Application, once received at the University of Sydney, is six to eight weeks. Some applications may take longer to process, particularly where documentation provided is insufficient.

A PhD Admission Application for scholarship applicants must be lodged no later than **15 December 2015** for commencement in Research Period 3 (July) 2016.

<sup>4</sup> Australian Government Department of Immigration and Border Protection : <http://www.border.gov.au/>

<sup>5</sup> China Scholarship Council: <http://www.csc.edu.cn/>

The University cannot guarantee that PhD applications lodged after 15 December 2015 will be assessed and issued with an Unconditional Offer of Admission in time for tuition fee scholarship consideration.

Receipt of an Unconditional Offer of Admission to a PhD program does not automatically grant you a tuition fee scholarship. You must apply to be considered for a USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship.

### **Stage 2: Application for a USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship**

Once you have received an Unconditional Offer of Admission to your PhD, you must apply for a USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship by submitting an online application at: <http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/research/usyd-csc-programs>.

You must submit your application by **5.00 pm AEST** (2.00 pm Beijing time), **Friday, 15 January 2016**.

An application does not guarantee a USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship – applications are competitive, and will be considered based on each applicant's academic merit and the priorities of each faculty or school. Successful applicants will receive a letter offering the USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship in March 2016. The awarding of a USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship will be contingent upon the applicant also receiving support from the China Scholarship Council for living costs.

### **Stage 3: Application to the China Scholarship Council**

Candidates must have the support of the China Scholarship Council (CSC) for living costs.

1. Complete a CSC Application Form and the necessary Employer Reference Form(s). These forms can be obtained from the China Scholarship Council: <http://www.csc.edu.cn/>
2. Submit your completed CSC Application Form, a copy of your completed University of Sydney PhD application and a copy of your USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship Application

Refer to The China Scholarship Council's website for the application deadline <http://www.csc.edu.cn/>

### **Scholarship Conditions**

The USYD–CSC Postgraduate Research Scholarship is awarded under the following conditions:

- a. The scholarship may be held for up to three (3) years. This period may be extended to four (4) years in individual cases, subject to the approval of the China Scholarship Council and the University of Sydney; however, funding support usually does not exceed three (3) years.
- b. The scholarship must commence on the date specified in the formal letter of offer, unless the University of Sydney approves otherwise.
- c. The scholarship is renewed annually on the recommendation of the Head of School/Department at the University of Sydney, subject to the award holder's satisfactory performance.
- d. The award of a scholarship of any kind does not guarantee the award of a degree. The award holder must demonstrate satisfactory progress, meeting all requirements for candidature and assessment, in order to successfully complete and qualify for his or her degree.
- e. The award holder may conduct up to 12 months (up to 18 months for students of anthropology and other special cases) of his or her research in China, subject to the approval of the University of Sydney. The award holder must remain enrolled at the University of Sydney while conducting research overseas.
- f. The award holder may apply to suspend his or her scholarship in extenuating circumstances. Any such application will be jointly considered by the China Scholarship Council and the University of Sydney.
- g. The award holder may engage in part-time employment to a maximum of twenty (20) hours per week, including work performed on evenings, weekends and holidays, subject to the terms of the award holder's student visa<sup>6</sup>, and provided such employment does not interfere with the award holder's study and progress.
- h. The award holder must return to China upon completion or termination of the scholarship.

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<sup>6</sup> Visa requirements can be verified with the Department of Immigration and Border Protection: <http://www.border.gov.au/>

- i. The University of Sydney asserts certain ownership rights of intellectual property created in the course of the scholarship, subject to the University's Intellectual Property Rule<sup>7</sup>.

**Further Information**

[Faculties and schools - The University of Sydney](#)

**University of Sydney Postgraduate Research Applications**

[Your Enquiry - Sydney Student - The University of Sydney](#)

**TIMELINE FOR USYD–CSC POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS**

University of Sydney PhD Admission Application due	15 December 2015
USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship application due	15 January 2016
Notification of results of USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship application	Mid-March 2016
China Scholarship Council application deadline (main round)	March 2016
China Scholarship Council application deadline (second round)	May 2016
Research Period 3 commences	July 2016

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<sup>7</sup> University of Sydney Intellectual Property Rule: <http://sydney.edu.au/policies/>