

Application Information for Confucius Institute Scholarship

2018

For the purpose of cultivating qualified Chinese language teachers and facilitating the promotion of Chinese language and culture, Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban) announces the 2018 “Confucius Institute Scholarship” (CIS) program to support outstanding students, scholars and currently employed Chinese language teachers recommended by Confucius Institutes, independently-operated Confucius Classrooms, and some HSK test centers (collectively referred to as “recommending institutions”) to study in Chinese universities and colleges (hereinafter referred to as “host institutions”).

● **ELIGIBILITY**

All applicants shall be

- a) Non-Chinese citizens
- b) In good physical and mental condition, with strong academic performance and positive involvement in the community
- c) Aspiring to future careers as teachers or international promotion of Chinese language
- d) Between the ages of 16-35 on September 1, 2018. Applicants currently working as Chinese language teachers shall not be more than 45 years old, while undergraduate students shall not be more than 25 years old.

● **SCHOLARSHIP TYPES AND QUALIFICATIONS**

A. **Scholarship for Master’s Degree in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (MTC SOL)**

Commences September 2018 and provides a scholarship for a maximum of two academic years. Applicants must hold a bachelor’s degree and have a minimum score of 210 on the HSK test (Level 5) as well as 60 on the HSKK test (Intermediate Level). Applicants who are able to provide notarized documentation of an employment agreement or related proof of employment as a Chinese language teacher upon completing study in China will be given priority.

B. **Scholarship for Bachelor’s Degree in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (BTC SOL)**

Commences September 2018 and provides scholarship for a maximum four academic years. Applicants must have graduated with a high school diploma, and have a minimum score of 210 on the HSK test (Level 4) as well as 60 on the HSKK test (Intermediate Level).

C. Scholarship for One-Academic-Year Study

Commences September 2018 and provides scholarship for a maximum of 11 months. International students currently studying in China are not eligible.

- i. TCSOL
Applicants must have a minimum score of 270 on the HSK test (Level 3) and must have taken the HSKK test at any level.
- ii. Chinese Language and Literature, Chinese History, and Chinese Philosophy
Applicants must have a minimum score of 180 on the HSK test (Level 4) and 60 on the HSKK test (intermediate level).
- iii. Chinese Language Study
Applicants must have a minimum score of 180 on the HSK test (Level 3).

D. Scholarship for One-Semester Study

Commences either in September 2018 or March 2019, and provides scholarship for a maximum of 5 months. Applicants holding visas X1 or X2 are not eligible.

- i. TCSOL, Chinese Language and Literature, Chinese History and Chinese Philosophy
Applicants must have a minimum score of 210 on the HSK test (Level 3), and must have taken the HSKK test at any level.
- ii. Traditional Chinese Medicine and Taiji Culture
HSK test score is required.

E. Scholarship for Four-Week Study

Commences either in July or December of 2018, and provides a four-week scholarship. Applicants holding visas X1 or X2 are not eligible.

- i. Traditional Chinese Medicine and Taiji Culture
HSK test score is required.
- ii. Chinese Language plus home-stay Experience in a Chinese Family
HSK test scores are required. Organized and applied by a Confucius Institute with 10-15 participants per group. Prior to the trip, a detailed study plan shall be made after consultation with host institutions and submitted to Hanban for approval.
- iii. Special Four-week Program for Confucius Institutes
HSK test scores are required. Organized and applied by a Confucius Institute with 10-15 participants per group.

● APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Online registration will be available from March 1, 2018 on the Confucius Institute Scholarship website (cis.chinese.cn). Please log on to search for recommending institutions and host institutions, upload application materials online, track application progress, read comments and admission results. Scholarship holders need to confirm details about arrival procedures and their

program of study with the host institutions, print out CIS certificates online, and register at host institutions on the designated date and time as per the letter of admission.

The application deadlines are

- a) April 20 (for scholarships commencing in July)
- b) June 20 (for scholarships commencing in September)
- c) September 20 (for scholarships commencing in December)
- d) December 20 (for scholarships commencing in March 2019)

Hanban will complete the scholarship review and notify applicants of results two months before enrollment of the admitted students.

● **CHINESE BRIDGE AWARD RECIPIENT POLICIES**

Chinese Bridge winners who have been awarded the 2018 “Confucius Institute Scholarship Certificate” should log onto the scholarship website and submit documents to relevant host institutions upon presentation of their CIS certificates. Please contact chinesebridge@hanban.org for inquiry.

● **ADMISSION AND CONSULTATION SERVICES**

Recommending institutions and host institutions are responsible for issuing local enrollment guides and providing consulting, recommending and registering services in accordance with these procedures.

● **OTHERS**

- a) For major training plans and courses, please contact designated host institutions
- b) Applicants shall be familiar with the specific criteria and closing dates for registration, and follow specific procedures to submit necessary documents
- c) Degree students shall accept the annual assessment under the *Annual Appraisal Procedures of Confucius Institute Scholarship*
- d) Those who fail to register on time, fail to pass the health assessment, drop out midway and/or are suspended will no longer be eligible for the scholarship.

● **CONTACTS**

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● **Appendix**

- a) Confucius Institute Scholarship Coverage and Criteria
- b) Application Documents for Confucius Institute Scholarship

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Appendix 1

Confucius Institute Scholarship Coverage and Criteria

The Confucius Institute Scholarship provides full coverage of tuition fees, accommodation fees, living allowance (except for four-week study students) and comprehensive medical insurance expenses.

- a) The scholarship reimburses the host institutions for tuition fees, which are to be used by the host institution for the purposes of providing teaching, organizing cultural and social activities, and administering Chinese language proficiency tests to scholarship students. Tuition does not cover textbook expenses and tourist tickets.
- b) The scholarship reimburses the host institutions for accommodation fees, which are to be used by the host institution for the purposes of providing students with on-campus apartments (usually double rooms). Students may also apply and obtain permission from the host institution to live off-campus. Students who live off-campus are entitled to an accommodation allowance of 700 CNY per person/month paid on a monthly/quarterly basis from the host institutions.
- c) Living allowance is granted by host institutions on a monthly basis. The monthly allowance for undergraduates, one-academic-year study students and one-semester students is 2,500 CNY per person. For MTCSOL student, the monthly allowance is 3,000 CNY per person.

Students are required to complete enrollment procedures for every semester within the stipulated period; otherwise, their scholarship may be cancelled. Students who are enrolled before the 15th (or on the 15th) of the month are entitled to the full allowance of that month, while those enrolled after the 15th of that month are only entitled to half of the amount.

During the study period, for any student who is absent from China due to personal reasons for more than 15 days (excluding winter and summer holidays), the allowance during absence will be suspended.

For students who suspend study or drop out of school for personal reasons, or who are given disciplinary punishment by the host institutions, the allowance will be terminated on the date of such suspension, withdrawal, or when the decision of punishment is announced.

The living allowance for the month of graduation will be granted half a month after the date of graduation or expiration date of study, confirmed by host institutions.

Comprehensive medical insurance is purchased by the host institutions in accordance with relevant regulations for studying in China stipulated by the Ministry of Education of China. The insurance fee per person is 160 CNY for four-week study students, 400 CNY for one-semester students, and 800 CNY per year for students engaged in a program longer than one academic year.

Appendix 2

Application Documents for Confucius Institute Scholarship

- A. For all applicants
 - a) A scanned copy of passport photo page
 - b) A scanned copy of score reports of the HSK and HSKK tests (Tests must have been taken within 2 years of the date of application.)
 - c) A recommendation letter by the head of the recommending institutions
- B. For degree scholarship program applicants
 - a) A certification of the highest education diploma (or proof of expected graduation) and an official transcript.
 - b) Applicants for the Scholarship for MTCSOL Students are required to provide 2 reference letters from professors or associate professors. Those who can provide a notarized employment agreement with an educational institution are given priority.
- C. Applicants currently working as Chinese language teachers shall provide proof of employment as well as a reference letter from the employing institution.
- D. Applicants under the age of 18 shall provide certified documents of designation signed by their entrusted legal guardians in China.
- E. Applicants shall also provide additional documents required by the host institutions