

A person is walking away from the camera on a stone bridge that leads to a traditional Chinese temple. The temple has a prominent, multi-tiered roof with ornate details and a golden finial. The building is surrounded by lush green trees. The sky is clear and blue. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIPS

Application

Information

2021

The Center for Language Education and Cooperation (CLEC) announces the 2021 Confucius Institute Scholarship program to support outstanding students, scholars, and currently-employed Chinese language teachers who are recommended by Confucius Institutes, independent Confucius Classrooms, and HSK test centers (“recommending institutions”) to study at Chinese universities and colleges (“host institutions”). The goal of the scholarship program is to facilitate learning of Chinese language and culture and cultivate qualified Chinese language educators in other countries.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be

- Non-Chinese citizens
- Physically and mentally prepared for overseas study, with strong academic performance and positive involvement in the community
- Aspiring to careers as teachers or international promotion / involvement with Chinese language
- Between the ages of 16-35 on September 1, 2021. Applicants currently working as Chinese language teachers shall not be more than 45 years old, and undergraduate students shall not be more than 25 years old.

SCHOLARSHIP TYPES AND QUALIFICATIONS

Scholarship for Doctoral Degree in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (DTCSOL)

Program commences in September 2021 and provides a scholarship for a maximum of four academic years. Applicants must hold a master’s degree in Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language, Linguistics, Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages, or education-related fields. Applicants shall have a minimum score of 200 on the HSK Test (Level 6) and 60 on the HSKK test (Advanced Level). Applicants must have at least two years of work experience in Chinese language teaching and related fields. Priority will be given to applicants who can provide a work contract or similar proof of employment with an educational institution upon completion of their studies in China.



Scholarship for Master's Degree in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (MTCSOL)

Program commences in September 2021 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). Priority will be given to applicants who can provide a work contract or similar proof of employment with an educational institution upon completion of their studies in China.

Scholarship for Bachelor's Degree in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (BTCSOL)

Program commences in September 2021 and provides a scholarship for a maximum of 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).

Scholarship for One-Academic-Year

Program commences in September 2021 and provides a scholarship for a maximum of one academic year in one of the following three categories. International students currently studying in China on X1 or X2 visas 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 210 on the HSK test (Level 3). Priority will be given to students who provide an HSKK test score.



Scholarship for One-Semester

Program commences either in September 2021 or March 2022, and provides a scholarship for a maximum of five months. International students currently studying in China on X1 or X2 visas are not eligible.

i. TCSOL, Chinese Language and Literature, Chinese History and Chinese Philosophy

Applicants must have a minimum score of 180 on the HSK test (Level 3), and must have taken the HSKK test at any level.

ii. Traditional Chinese Medicine and Taiji Culture

An HSK test score is required. Priority will be given to applicants who also provide an HSKK test score.

Scholarship for Four-Week Study

Program commences in either July or December of 2021, and provides a four-week scholarship. International students currently studying in China on X1 or X2 visas are not eligible.

An HSK test score is required. The program must be organized by a Confucius Institute with 10-15 participants per group. Prior to the trip, a detailed study plan must be made in consultation with host institutions.

Programs in this category are available in:

1. Traditional Chinese Medicine and Taiji Culture
2. Chinese Language plus Home-Stay Experience
3. Special Four-Week Program for Confucius Institutes.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Online registration will be available from March 1, 2021 on the International Chinese Language Teachers (Confucius Institute) Scholarship application website (cis.chinese.cn). Please log on to search for recommending institutions and host institutions, upload application materials online, track the application progress, and read the comments and admission results. Scholarship holders need to confirm details about arrival procedures and their program of study with the host institutions, print out the online CIS certificate, and register at host institutions on the designated date and time as per the letter of admission.

The application deadlines (Beijing Time) are:

- a) For programs commencing in July, student applications must be completed before April 10; recommending institutions and host institutions must complete reviewing applications before April 20;
- b) For programs commencing in September, student applications must be completed before May 10; recommending institutions and host institutions must complete reviewing applications before May 20;
- c) For programs commencing in December, student applications must be completed before September 10; recommending institutions and host institutions must



complete reviewing applications before September 20;

- d) For programs commencing in March 2022, student applications must be completed before November 10; recommending institutions and host institutions must complete reviewing applications before November 20.

An expert panel will review applications. Decisions will be made based on HSK and HSKK scores and levels, and in consideration of country distribution as well as other factors. The results will be announced approximately three months before school starts.



CHINESE BRIDGE AWARD RECIPIENT POLICIES

Chinese Bridge winners who have been awarded the 2021 Confucius Institute Scholarship (CIS) should log on to the Confucius Institute Scholarship website and submit documents to relevant host institutions upon presentation of their CIS certificates. If you have questions, please contact chinesebridge@hanban.org.

RECOMMENDING INSTITUTIONS AND HOST INSTITUTIONS

Recommending institutions and host institutions must, pursuant to the guidelines, fulfill relevant responsibilities, provide consulting, recommendation, and enrollment services.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- For curriculum and course listings, please contact your preferred host institutions.
- Applicants must be familiar with the specific criteria and deadlines for registration, and follow required procedures to submit necessary documents.
- Degree students must accept the annual assessment under the *Annual Appraisal Procedures of Confucius Institute Scholarship*.
- Those who fail to register on time, fail to pass the health assessment, drop out midway or are suspended will no longer be eligible for the scholarship.

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APPENDIX 1

International Chinese Language Teachers (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. Doctoral degree students who live off-campus are entitled to an accommodation allowance of 1,000 CNY per person/month paid monthly or quarterly; students in other scholarship categories are entitled to 700 CNY per person/month paid monthly or quarterly 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/month. For MTCSOL students, the monthly allowance is 3,000 CNY per person/month. For DTCSOL students, the monthly allowance is 3,500 CNY per person/month.

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 the absence will be suspended.

For students who suspend their 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, as stipulated by the Ministry of Education of China. The insurance fee per person is 160 CNY for four-week students, 400 CNY for one-semester students, and 800 CNY per year for students engaged in a program longer than one semester.

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 two years of the date of application);
- c) A letter of recommendation 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) Students applying for the DTCSOL scholarship are required to provide two letters of recommendation from professors, associate professors, or specialized technical experts in fields related to their major, and a personal statement of about 3,000 words in Chinese showing an understanding of the target major or specialty area and research plan;
- c) Students applying for the MTCSOL scholarship are required to provide two letters of recommendation from professors or associate professors. Those who can provide a notarized agreement from an educational institution with which they will be employed as a Chinese language teacher upon completing their studies in China are given priority.

C. Applicants currently working as Chinese language teachers shall provide proof of employment as well as a letter of recommendation 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.

APPENDIX 3

HSK and HSKK requirements for Confucius Institute Scholarships

Students enrolled at the University at Buffalo (UB) and students affiliated with the UB Confucius Institute have a range of Confucius Institute scholarship opportunities available to them for study in China. In order to be considered for most scholarships, students must pass an HSK test of modern Chinese at the required level with a minimum score. Some scholarships also have requirements for HSKK tests of spoken Chinese.

Because it takes time for the testing center to process grades and send score reports, we urge students to take any required HSK and HSKK exams at least six weeks before their scholarship deadline.

<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>HSK & required score</u>	<u>HSKK & required score</u>	<u>application deadline</u>
1 Academic Year Language and Lit., History, & Philosophy	Level 4 (180 score)	Intermediate level (60 score)	May 10
1 Academic Year Chinese Language Study	Level 3 (210 score)	Not required; priority to applicants who provide score	May 10
1 Academic Year TCSOL	Level 3 (270 score)	Any level score required	May 10
1 Semester TCSOL, Language, History, Language and Lit, Philosophy	Level 3 (180 score)	Any level score required	May 10 or November 10
PhD in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages	Level 6 (200 score)	Advanced level (60 score)	May 10
MA in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages	Level 5 (210 score)	Intermediate level (60 score)	May 10
BA in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages	Level 4 (210 score)	Intermediate level (score 60)	May 10
1 Semester Traditional Chinese Medicine & Taiji Culture	Any level score required	Not required; priority to applicants who provide score	May 10 or November 10
4 Week Study Programs	Any level score required	Not required	April 10 or September 10