

Confucius Institute Headquarter Scholarships

2010 Application Procedure

DEADLINE TUESDAY 30 MARCH 2010

A number of scholarships lasting between one semester and two years are on offer from the Confucius Institute Headquarters. In 2010 these scholarships are focused on the subject areas of Literature, Education, History and Chinese Traditional Medicine.

1. Eligibility

Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens in good health and meet one of the following criteria.

1. Outstanding students from Confucius Institutes (Classrooms) worldwide;
2. Foreign teachers who are teaching or planning to teach Chinese as a second language;
3. Students who received distinguished grade from the Chinese Examination series held by Confucius Institute Headquarters;
4. Outstanding Contestants in “Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competition;
5. Students studying Chinese as a second language in overseas universities or colleges;
6. Applicants who meet the requirements of other of Confucius Institute Headquarters’ agreements.

2. Categories and Specific Criteria

1. Training Scholarship: One Semester or One Year

Applicants should have some knowledge of Chinese language. The age limit is 55.

2. Master of Chinese International Education Scholarship: Two Years

Applicants should have obtained a Bachelor degree or equivalent. The age limit is 45.

3. Scholarship Details – what is included

1. Tuition fee, accommodation fee and hospital out-patients fee
2. Monthly allowance at the following rates
 - a. Training Scholarship: 1400 RMB per month
 - b. Master of Chinese International Education Scholarship: 1700 RMB per month
3. One-off relocation fee
 - a. Study in China for period of between one semester and one academic year: 1000 RMB
 - b. Study in China for one academic year: 1500 RMB
4. Foreign Student Insurance

4. How do I apply?

Step 1: Applicants should log onto Confucius Institute Scholarship website: <http://cis.chinese.cn> to set up a personal account, fill in the on-line application form, then print and sign this before sending the application form with other supporting documents to the Confucius Institute for Scotland by the deadline of Tuesday March 30th 2010.

Step 2: Applications will be reviewed by the Confucius Institute before a selection is made to be forwarded to the relevant universities and colleges which applicants have selected in their application.

Step 3: The Chinese universities and colleges will then review and select potential applicants before passing their decision to Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters.

This three step process will be completed by Friday 30th April 2010 at which point Hanban/ Confucius Institute Headquarters will review and award the scholarships.

Applicants can track the application process and results via personal accounts on the Confucius Institute Scholarship website <http://cis.chinese.cn> at any time.

5. Application Materials

Applicants must submit **two copies** of each of the application materials as described below.

- 1) Completed Confucius Institute Scholarship application form from the website
- 2) Photocopy of passport photo page
- 3) Training Scholarship
 - a) applicant's Chinese learning background,
 - b) study plan in China and aims in no less than 200 words, either in Chinese or English.

OR

Masters of Chinese Scholarship

- c) A detailed study and research plan
- d) Copy of HSK results Chinese Proficiency Certificate
- e) Degree certificate and transcript: issued or stamped by the university/college.*
- f) Two recommendation letters by Professor or Associated Professor, written in Chinese or English.

** Should the Degree certificate and transcript not be available in either Chinese or English, these must be translated by authorised organisations.**

6. Award

Hanban/ Confucius Institute Headquarters will inform the Confucius Institute for Scotland and the receiving Universities/Colleges about the scholarship results.

The Offer letter and Scholarship awarding certification will be sent to the successful applicants by the receiving Universities/Colleges.

7. Enrolment

The successful applicants must take the enrolment as required by the receiving Universities/Colleges. Those applicants who fail to turn up will not normally enjoy the scholarship entitlement.

8. Contacts

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