

Chinese Government Scholarships – Program Overview Studies Commencing in September 2012

Chinese Government Scholarships (CGS) to support Chinese language studies or academic programs of study are available through an agreement between the Ministry of Education of the Peoples Republic of China and the Province of Alberta, Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology (AET). AET administers the recruitment of students and routine management of the program within Alberta. The China Scholarship Council (CSC) evaluates candidates for the CGS scholarships and advises AET of its recommendations.

The scholarship is open-ended with ongoing monitoring of the success of the program. The final decision as to the term of the program is at the discretion of the People's Republic of China.

Up to five full and ten partial scholarships are available each year under the following categories:

Category	Years of Major Studies	Years of Remedial Chinese Language Studies*	Duration of Scholarship
Chinese Language Students	1-2	none	Up to 2
Undergraduate	4-5	1-2	4-7
Master degree	2-3	1-2	2-5
Doctoral degree	3-4	1-2	3-6
General Scholars	1	1	Up to 2
Senior Scholars	1	1	Up to 2

* Remedial Chinese language studies are arranged before major studies. If the major courses for Ph. D and Master Degree students are conducted in English, remedial Chinese language studies will not be arranged (except for undergraduate candidates).

Application Process for Alberta Students for Studies Commencing September, 2012

(See **Appendix A** for Application Materials requirements)

**The deadline for submitting completed applications is December 12, 2011.
Applications should be mailed or delivered to:**

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International and Intergovernmental Relations Branch
Alberta Advanced Education and Technology
9th Floor, Commerce Place
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Scholarship Details (See Appendix B for *Scholarship Details*)

Full Scholarship: A CGS full scholarship covers tuition (or research) fees, basic learning materials, accommodation, living allowance, emergency medical care, comprehensive medical insurance for international students under the CGS program, a once only settlement subsidy and a once only inter-city travel allowance.

Partial Scholarship: Tuition only.

Eligibility

1. Applicants must be Canadian citizens, in good health, whose primary domicile or permanent residence is in the Province of Alberta.
2. Educational background and age limits are:

Category	Age Limit	Educational Background
Chinese Language studies	Under the age of 35	Completed senior high school
Undergraduate studies	Under the age of 25	Completed senior high school with good grades
Master degree	Under the age of 35	Must have a bachelor's degree
Doctoral degree	Under the age of 40	Must have a Master's degree
General Scholar	Under the age of 45	Must have completed 2 years of undergraduate studies. May pursue any major except for Chinese language.
Senior Scholar	Under the age of 50	Must have a minimum of a graduate degree or hold an academic title of associate professor or higher.

Appendix A – CGS Application Materials and Instructions:

Applicants must complete and provide the following materials, in duplicate, with their application, by December 12, 2011.

1. Printout of the full on-line [Application Form](#) which applicant submitted electronically. Alberta applicants are to use **1242** as the **Agency Number** in the application. Please note that a photo must be attached to the application form.
2. Official academic transcripts to coincide with the category of study. Post-secondary transcripts must be in an envelope sealed by the institution providing them. Documents in languages other than English must be attached with translations in English.
3. Notarized photocopy of the highest degree/diploma achieved.
4. A study or research plan written in English (not less than 200 words for undergraduates, not less than 500 words for scholars and graduate studies).
5. At least two letters of reference, in English. Each letter must be in an envelope sealed and signed by the referee. At least one of the letters must be from a person who has taught the applicant. Applicants for graduate studies and senior scholars must submit two letters of recommendation by professors or associate professors. (See attached letter of reference form)
6. Applicants for music study must submit one CD recording of the applicant's own work. Fine art applicants must submit a CD with six colour photographs of personal works (two sketches, two colour painting and two other works).
7. Applicants under the age of 18 years should submit legal documents of legal guardians in China.
8. A brief covering letter that describes your interest in the CGS, a description of how the award will assist you in meeting your academic, career or personal goals, special interests, achievements or international experience, or any information the applicant feels is relevant.

Notes:

Applicants must hold a valid Canadian passport.

Selection of Institutions and Specialty: Applicants may select 3 institutions and one specialty as personal preferences from the China institutions designated by the Ministry of Education of China. Please refer to the [Directory of Chinese Institutions Admitting International Students Under Chinese Government Scholarships Program](#) guide.

You should also view the full list of [Programs Offered in English](#) by Chinese Universities.

The Foreigner Physical Examination Form, completed by a medical doctor, is to be included once the applicant has been accepted to the program and before they are applying for a Chinese Visa. Applicants **MUST RETAIN ORIGINAL** copy for presentation to officials upon entry into China.

Appendix B - Scholarship Details:

Full Scholarship:

A CGS full scholarship provides tuition (or research) fees, basic learning materials, accommodation, a living allowance, emergency medical care, comprehensive medical insurance, a once only settlement subsidy, and a once only inter-city travel allowance. Students are responsible for their own international airfare costs.

1. Monthly Living Allowance is paid to the students by the educational institution at the following rates (CNY per month):
 - Undergraduates: 1,400 Yuan
 - Chinese language students: 1,400 Yuan
 - Master's degree students/ general scholars: 1,700 Yuan
 - Doctoral students/senior scholars: 2,000 Yuan
2. Emergency Medical Care is referred to as the out-patient expenses as generated in the institution's hospital. Students should afford a certain percentage of expense in accordance with the institution's relevant regulations.
3. The [Comprehensive Insurance Plan](#) is insured by the Ministry of Education of China for the scholarship students in China against disease or accident. The institution is entitled to ask for compensation for the receipts from the insurance company for expenses generated from hospitalization for serious diseases or accidental injury up to the stipulated insurance articles.
4. Settlement subsidy: (only once and after registration is completed)
 - 1,000 Yuan for new students whose period of study in China lasts up to 6 months.
 - 1,500 Yuan for new students whose period of study in China lasts one academic year or longer.
5. Inter-city travel: A once only inter-city travel ticket for coming in and leaving China:
 - A hard-seat train ticket or hard-seat berth for overnight trips will be provided to a) freshman transfer from port of entry to the city of the admitting institution, b) graduate transfer from the city of the admitting institution to the located point of departure, and/or c) student transfer from the city of remedial Chinese language courses to the city of the institution of major study.

Partial Scholarship:

One or some of the above items of the full scholarship – **usually tuition only**. (Settlement subsidy and inter-city transfer allowance are not included).

Approval and Notification

The China Scholarship Council (CSC) will make its recommendations on the basis of academic achievement, demonstrated aptitudes, personal qualities, and character, as well as interest and participation in institutional and community affairs.

Preference will be given to applicants who are proceeding to their first Baccalaureate, Masters or PhD degree.

1. CSC will review all application materials and make necessary adjustments to the applied institutions, specialties and duration of study. Qualified applications will be forwarded to different institutions and the final decision to admit the applicant will be made by the educational institution. Applications will be seen as invalid and will not be processed if the applicants are not qualified for admission or are incomplete.
2. Applicants who have not completed admission examinations may be admitted through recommendation, on probation for one year. Student's probationary status will be switched to regular status if they pass the entrance exam or courses. If remedial Chinese courses are needed, students must pass the entrance exam or courses during the period of probation before they can pursue their major study.
3. Applicants for academic study are encouraged to contact the preferred institutions and tutors prior to application and enclose any relevant admission or recommendation letters.
4. Scholarship applicants accepted by Chinese institutions will be officially confirmed as CGS students with endorsement by the Ministry of Education of China.
5. Finalized placements, specialties and duration of studies are in principle not to be changed.
6. CSC intends to notify the Province of Alberta designate of the List of Enrolled Students, Admission Notices and Visa Application Form for Study in China (JW201) by April, 2012. The Province of Alberta will contact the successful applicants and forward the necessary documents to the applicant. The Province of Alberta designate is:

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Annual Review

International students studying in China under the Chinese Government Scholarship Program are subject to an annual review conducted by the institution. The review will cover academic record, learning attitude, lecture attendance, and conduct.