The Chinese Ethnic Minority Studies Scholarship

The scholarship provides opportunities for academically talented students to undertake research overseas

Scholarship value and duration
$22,500 tenable for the length of the research period

Eligibility criteria
This scholarship is open to students who:
- Are Australian or New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Can enrol in an ATSI specific unit of study
- Have studies/research directly related to the proposed project in China
- Be willing and able to travel to China for the duration of the research project

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Background
The Chinese Ethnic Minority Studies Scholarship was established in 2017 to fund two to three months research in an ethnic minority project based in China. Students will remain enrolled in the University of Sydney while undertaking a project with the host institution being Minzu University, Beijing.

Selection criteria
Applications will be assessed on the basis of academic merit, the applicant’s current area of studies/research and a statement of motivation for undertaking the project.

Applicants will be invited to submit a personal statement to support their application.

Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an interview.

Payment schedule
The scholarship is valued at $22,500 and is tenable for the duration of the two/three month project only.
Terms and Conditions

1. Background

a. The Chinese Ethnic Minority Studies Scholarship was established in 2017 to fund two to three months research in an ethnic minority project based in China. Students will remained enrolled in the University of Sydney while undertaking the project with the host institution being Minzu University, Beijing.

2. Eligibility

a. To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must be enrolled in a postgraduate coursework or research degree offered by the University of Sydney and undertaking at least one Australian Indigenous unit of study.

b. Applicants must be willing and able to travel and undertake the project in China for the relevant time the project is being offered.

c. The applicant’s current studies/research must have a direct relationship with the proposed project in China.

d. Postgraduate coursework applicants must be able to enrol in a unit of study which permits the undertaking of this project as part of their degree program. Research students must have permission to undertake the project as part of their research studies.

3. Selection Criteria

a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic merit, the applicant’s current area of studies/research and a statement of motivation for undertaking the project.

b. Preference will be given to applicants who identify as Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and those that can speak Mandarin.

c. Shortlisted applicants may be required to attend an interview.

d. The Scholarship will be awarded by a Selection Committee consisting of the Deputy Vice Chancellor Indigenous Strategy and Services, or their nominated delegate and at least one other academic staff member involved in the project with Minzu University.

4. Value

a. The Scholarship is valued at $22,500 and is tenable for the duration of the two/three month project only.

b. The amount will be made in two equal instalments, being:

   a. $12,500 after enrolment in the relevant coursework unit of study and prior to the commencement of the project. Research recipients will receive this payment after approval to
undertake the project as part of their research studies and prior to the commencement of the project.

b. The final payment of $10,000 will be made in the second month of the project providing the recipient is correctly enrolled and is maintaining satisfactory academic progress and completing project requirements.

c. Deferral or suspension of the Scholarship is not permitted and it is not transferable for another purpose, program, school, faculty or university.

d. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.

e. No other amount is payable.

5. Ongoing eligibility

a. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, the recipient must maintain satisfactory academic progress to ensure on-time completion of the project and meet any specific requirements in order to successfully complete any associated units of study related to the project.

6. Termination

a. The Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient:

i. withdraws from an eligible course or fails to enrol,

ii. withdraws from or fails to complete their project

iii. withdraws from an applicable units of study required to undertake the project within their course,

iv. commences part-time study without prior approval,

v. does not maintain satisfactory academic performance,

vi. is determined by the University to be guilty of serious misconduct, including, but not limited to, having provided false or misleading information as part of their Scholarship application,

vii. is in recipient of another primary scholarship that provides funds for a similar purpose,

viii. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or

ix. any other provision as indicated in these terms that would lead to termination.

b. Once terminated, a scholarship will not be reinstated.

c. Where a student is found guilty of serious misconduct or withdraws from the relevant course, the University reserves the right to request that any Scholarship funds paid to the Scholarship recipient be reimbursed.