UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY–CHINA SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL
EARLY CAREER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

APPLICATION INFORMATION – 2016
悉尼大学 – 国家留学基金管理委员会 访问学者奖学金 申请准则

Introduction
The University of Sydney–China Scholarship Council Early Career Research Fellowship was established to permit early career research scholars from leading Chinese research universities to conduct research at the University of Sydney. Up to two new Early Career Research Fellowships will be offered under this program in 2016. The Early Career Research Scholarships are extremely prestigious, and applicants should preferably be engaged in an established research program at their home institution. Successful applicants are expected to be based full-time at the University of Sydney for a period of one year.

Scholarship Benefits
The University of Sydney–China Scholarship Council Early Career Research Scholarship covers benefits as outlined below, and under ‘Scholarship Conditions’ in these Guidelines.

The applicant’s home institution shall provide:
- A living allowance
- Appropriate health insurance

The China Scholarship Council shall provide:
- Return international airfare costs between China and Sydney
- Visa costs

The University of Sydney shall provide:
- Office and laboratory accommodation
- Facilities required for research, such as access to computers, the internet and the library

Eligibility Criteria
Applicants from leading Chinese research universities are encouraged to apply. Applicants must:

- be citizens of the People’s Republic of China;
- not be working or studying in Australia at the time of application;
- hold a Doctorate, as set out in Condition 1 under ‘Conditions’, below;
- satisfy the University of Sydney English-language proficiency requirements, as per Condition 2 under ‘Conditions’, below, before submitting their application.

In addition, applicants wishing to conduct research with the Sydney Medical School must be from one of the following Chinese universities:
- Central South University
- Fudan University
- Huazhong University of Science and Technology
- Nanjing University
- Peking University (Health Science Center)
- Peking Union Medical College
- Shandong University
- Shanghai Jiaotong University
- Sichuan University
- Sun Yat-Sen University
- Tsinghua University
- Xi’an Jiaotong University
- Zhejiang University
Assessment Criteria
Excellence shall be the primary criterion, in terms of both the project and the researcher. Equal weight shall be
given to the quality of the project, the track record of the applicant relative to opportunity, and the research
environment in the host Department or School.

How to Apply
Applicants should follow these steps:

1. Contact the head of the proposed host Department or School at the University of Sydney, to confirm that
your research proposal can be supported. Contact details for Faculties, Schools and Departments can
be found on the University’s website: Faculties and Schools - The University of Sydney

2. Obtain evidence that the Head of Department/School at the University of Sydney supports your
application (ie: a letter of support, on letterhead, signed by the Head of Department/School).

3. Complete the following forms:
   (a). China Scholarship Council Application Form
       (http://apply.csc.edu.cn/)
   (b). China Scholarship Council Employer Reference Form
       (http://apply.csc.edu.cn/)
   (c). University of Sydney-China Scholarships Council Application Form 2016
       (http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/research/usyd-csc-programs)

4. Apply to the China Scholarship Council using the two China Scholarship Council forms (3a & 3b),
together with any necessary attachments

5. Apply online to the University of Sydney using the University of Sydney-China Scholarships Council
Application Form 2016 (3c)
The University of Sydney–China Scholarship Council Early Career Research Scholarships shall be awarded under the following conditions:

1. **Award of Doctorate**
   Applicants must have a PhD awarded within 3–5 years of the closing date for applying for the Research Scholarship, and must provide original or certified copies of academic transcripts and degree certificates as documentary evidence that all the requirements for the PhD award, including examination, have been completed.

2. **English Language Proficiency**
   Applicants must have acceptable proficiency in English, as demonstrated by any one of the following:
   (a). Completion of an IELTS test of academic English and obtaining an overall result of 6.5 or above, with a minimum score of 6.0 in each component. Scores more than two years old at the date of commencement will not be accepted.
   (b). Evidence of satisfactory achievement in tertiary studies in which the exclusive language of the institution and the exclusive language of instruction, examination and assessment, was English.
   (c). A statement from the Head of the proposed Department or School at the University of Sydney that the applicant’s English language skills are at a level that would allow them to effectively pursue their research project and fully participate in departmental activities.
   (d). Completion of an English language diagnostic test administered by the University of Sydney’s Centre for English Teaching.

3. **Age of Applicant**
   Applicants must be aged less than 40 years on the closing date for applications.

4. **Engagement in Research**
   Applicants should preferably be engaged in an established research program at their home university, and should present evidence of such engagement.

5. **Priority Areas of Research**
   Preference will be given to applicants working in areas of study that meet Chinese and Australian national research priorities. Research shall be carried out at fundamental and strategic levels. Examples include:
   (a). Communication and Information Technology
   (b). Agriculture and Food
   (c). Life Sciences and Public Health, including Biotechnology
   (d). Material Sciences and New Materials
   (e). Energy and the Environment
   (f). Engineering and Architecture, including Urban Planning
   (g). Applied Social Science, including Government, Law and WTO–related areas
   (h). Economics and Business
   (i). Fundamental Studies in Science and Technology, Health Sciences, the Humanities and the Arts

6. **Duration of Scholarship**
   The duration of the Early Career Research Scholarship shall be for a maximum period of one year.

7. **Commencement of Scholarship**
   Appointments must commence on the date set out in the formal letter of offer, unless the Head of Scholarships and Financial Support Service approves otherwise.
8. **Living Expenses and Health Insurance**
   The home institution of the Early Career Research Scholar shall provide living expenses and the cost of appropriate health insurance for the duration of the program.

9. **Airfare and Visa Costs**
   The China Scholarship Council shall provide a minimum cost international airfare direct from China to Sydney, and return at the end of the Early Career Research Scholarship. The China Scholarship Council shall also meet the costs of visa applications. Fares for dependants and removal expenses will not be provided.

10. **Facilities Provided by the University of Sydney**
    The University of Sydney shall provide office accommodation, laboratory and other research requirements such as access to computer facilities, the Internet and the library.

11. **Final Report**
    Early Career Research Scholars are required to provide a final report covering all aspects of the work undertaken (including conference presentations and publications) and details of any new knowledge gained in the field of study. This report must be forwarded to the Research Office at the completion of the period of the Scholarship. The report should be accompanied by an evaluative commentary by the Head of Department/School.

12. **Unsatisfactory Progress**
    Any Early Career Research Scholar considered not to be making satisfactory progress will have the Scholarship reviewed by a committee appointed by the Head of Scholarships and Financial Support Service, who has the absolute discretion to terminate the Scholarship.

13. **Intellectual Property**
    The University of Sydney asserts certain ownership rights of intellectual property created in the course of the Scholarship, subject to the University's Intellectual Property Rule: [http://sydney.edu.au/policies](http://sydney.edu.au/policies).
APPENDIX 1 – ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED

The following attachments must be uploaded with your University of Sydney-China Scholarship Council application.

Attachments should be clearly typed on single-sided A4 pages, using 12 point font size with at least a 2 cm margin on each side.

1. **Proposed Research Project**
   Proposed research project, including:
   (a). Title of the project
   (b). Aims and significance of the project
   (c). Research plan, methods and techniques

   Applicants who demonstrate novel and innovative variations on their prior research activity will be favourably regarded. This section should be no more than four pages, including bibliographic references. Additional pages will not be considered by the selection committee.

2. **Proof of Doctorate**
   Proof that all requirements for the award of a Doctorate have been met (eg. copies of transcripts). See also Condition 1 under ‘Conditions of Award’ in these Guidelines.

3. **Proof of English Language Proficiency**
   Proof that the University of Sydney's English language proficiency requirements have been met. See also Condition 2 under ‘Conditions of Award’ in these Guidelines.

4. **Curriculum Vitae and Academic Transcripts**
   Curriculum Vitae, including details of engagement in an established research program at your home institution, publications and details of academic record at undergraduate and postgraduate level, prizes and awards. Please attach certified copies of transcripts.

5. **Referees**
   Full contact details for two referees.