UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY – CHINA SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL
POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH VISITING SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION INFORMATION
悉尼大学–国家留学基金管理委员会博士研究奖学金申请准则

Introduction
The University of Sydney – China Scholarship Council Postgraduate Research Visiting Scholarship allows PhD students from China to conduct studies and research for 12-24 months at the University of Sydney. This program is designed to facilitate continued research collaboration between the University of Sydney and the program participant’s home institution.

Scholarship Benefits
The USYD-CSC Postgraduate Research Visiting Scholarship provides the following benefits:

a. Living allowance as prescribed by the Chinese Government (currently approx. AUD $20,400 pa\(^1\)) calculated on a pro-rata basis according to length of the USYD-CSC Visiting PhD Program;
b. Minimum cost international airfare from China to Sydney, and return on expiry of the scholarship;

All other benefits provided by the China Scholarship Council can be found on the CSC website: http://www.csc.edu.cn/

Applicants should note that the scholarship does not cover compulsory subscription fees, Student Services and Amenities (SSA) fees, student union/association membership/activity fees, or costs other than those specifically outlined above.

Eligibility Criteria
Eligible applicants:

- must be citizens of the People’s Republic of China, and must not be currently working or studying in Australia at the time of application;
- must not be aged over 35 years at the time of application;
- must be currently enrolled in a postgraduate degree program in China and must remain enrolled for the duration of their intended research period at the University of Sydney;
- must meet the University of Sydney’s English language proficiency requirements for admission\(^2\), as demonstrated by an IELTS test completed no more than two (2) years prior to lodgement of a student visa application;
- must satisfy the Australian Government Department of Immigration and Border Protection requirements for the issue of a student visa for postgraduate research\(^3\);
- Successful applicant must complete a formal application for admission to a Visiting Researcher Program (VRP) course at the University of Sydney and receive an Unconditional Offer of Admission;
- should satisfy any additional selection criteria set out by the China Scholarship Council\(^4\).

\(^1\) Applicants should verify the current rate with the China Scholarship Council: http://www.csc.edu.cn/

\(^2\) University of Sydney English language proficiency requirements: http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/admissions/entry_requirements/english_language.shtml

\(^3\) Australian Government Department of Immigration and Border Protection Student visa (subclass 500): http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/500-

\(^4\) China Scholarship Council: http://www.csc.edu.cn/
How to Apply

Applying for a USYD-CSC Postgraduate Research Visiting Scholarship is a three-stage process. Applicants must complete all three stages, as follows:

(1) Application for a USYD-CSC Postgraduate Research Visiting Scholarship
(2) Application for China Scholarship Council support
(3) Application for admission to a Visiting Researcher Program (VRP) course at the University of Sydney

Stage 1: Application for a USYD-CSC Postgraduate Research Visiting Scholarship

Applicant will submit an application through the application portal. Application requires contact details of the head of the proposed host Department or School or academic at the University of Sydney. Applicant also needs to upload their research proposal to the application portal.

The University will assess the applications and if successful, the University will issue a letter of invitation. Applicant must also receive CSC scholarship for the same period in order to attend research at the University of Sydney.

An application does not guarantee a place at the University of Sydney as a student in the Visiting Postgraduate Research Program – applications are competitive, and will be considered based on each applicant’s academic merit and the priorities of each faculty or school. A total of 15 successful applicants will receive a letter offering the USYD-CSC Postgraduate Research Visiting Scholarship in March. The awarding of a USYD-CSC Postgraduate Research Visiting Scholarship will be contingent upon the applicant also receiving support from the China Scholarship Council for living costs.

Stage 2: Application to the China Scholarship Council

Candidates must have the support of the China Scholarship Council (CSC) for living costs.

1. Complete a CSC Application Form and the necessary Employer Reference Form(s). These forms can be obtained from the China Scholarship Council: http://www.csc.edu.cn/

2. Submit your CSC Application Form, a copy of letter of offer for the Tuition Fee Scholarship

Refer to The China Scholarship Council’s website for the application deadline

Stage 3: Application for admission to a Visiting Researcher Program (VRP) course at the University of Sydney

1. Successful scholarship recipients of the CSC Visiting PhD scholarship, need to send an email with their scholarship letter to sydneyabroad.vrp@sydney.edu.au

2. The Sydney Global Mobility (SGM) team will email the students a link to the application form for the Visiting Researcher Program (VRP) course.

Applicant should prepare the following documents prior to being given access to the online application form, to facilitate a smooth application process:

a. Copy of photo page of passport
b. Evidence of English language proficiency as noted in Section 2 of the Postgraduate Research tab of the University’s English requirements webpage
c. Bachelor degree transcript
d. Evidence of completion of Bachelor degree
e. Master degree transcript and evidence of completion of Master degree (if student has studied a Master degree between the Bachelor and PhD programs)

f. Current PhD transcript/evidence of current enrolment in a program of study overseas

g. Copy of official CSC scholarship letter

h. Letter from intended research supervisor at the University of Sydney

3. If an applicant meets all the entry requirements, the SGM team will send an Unconditional Admission Offer Letter and provide direction in how to make the necessary arrangements for Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).

4. Applicant must accept the offer and make arrangements for the necessary type and length of Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).

5. Once the applicant accepts the admission offer and makes the necessary OSHC arrangements, SGM will issue the electronic confirmation of enrolment (eCoE) and provide information on how to apply for the subclass 500 student visa.

6. The applicant will then apply for the subclass 500 student visa. Applicant should direct any questions about the student visa application process and requirements to their nearest Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) office.

Important information:

**Lead time:** SGM to receive completed application paperwork at least 4 months before the student’s intended arrival.

**English Language Requirement:** All applicants will be required to satisfy the University of Sydney’s English language proficiency requirements for admission. If at the time of application you do not have the English language proficiency documentation, you will be required to provide it before an unconditional offer can be made and eCoE issued.

**Research Periods:** While discussing options with potential research supervisors, students should keep in mind that the Start and End dates for Research need to follow the session start date, census date, and session end date for the four research periods below. Enrolment on or before the census date determines the official enrolment status for a student in a particular period of study.

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**Scholarship Conditions**

The USYD-CSC Postgraduate Research Visiting Scholarship is awarded under the following conditions:

a. The scholarship may be held for up to 24 months. Extension beyond 24 months will not be approved.

b. The scholarship must commence on the date specified in the formal letter of offer, unless the University of Sydney approves otherwise.

c. The award holder may apply to suspend his or her scholarship in extenuating circumstances. Any such application will be jointly considered by the China Scholarship Council and the University of Sydney.

d. The award holder may engage in part-time employment to a maximum of forty (40) hours per fortnight, including work performed on evenings, weekends and holidays, subject to the terms of the award holder’s student visa\(^5\), and provided such employment does not interfere with the award holder’s study and progress.

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\(^5\) Visa requirements can be verified with the Department of Immigration and Border Protection: [http://www.border.gov.au](http://www.border.gov.au)
e. The award holder must return to China upon completion or termination of the scholarship.
f. 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\(^6\).

Further Information

**Potential Academic Supervisor**

To identify a potential academic supervisor, please search for your research topic on Research Supervisor Connect: [http://sydney.edu.au/research/opportunities/](http://sydney.edu.au/research/opportunities/).

Alternatively, you may contact the relevant Faculty or School via their websites, which will provide details of academic staff, their areas of research interest and current work, and contact details.


**University of Sydney Visiting Researcher Program (VRP) course Applications**

Email enquiries: sydneyabroad.vrp@sydney.edu.au

**TIMELINE FOR USYD-CSC PROGRAM APPLICANTS**

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