

TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE IN CHINA

In order to attract the best international students to study in China and enhance people-to-people communication, the Chinese central government, local governments, Chinese universities and enterprises offer a variety of scholarship programs to support foreign students to study and conduct research in Chinese universities every year.

These scholarships can be broadly divided into five types:

| Chinese Government Scholarships | | |
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| This scholarship is under Chinese Ministry of Education that offers a variety of scholarship programs to sponsor international students and scholars to undertake studies and research in Chinese institutions of higher education. | | |
| Name | Coverage | Targeted group |
| Bilateral Program | full/ partial | undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students, general scholars and senior scholars |
| Chinese University Program | full | undergraduates, postgraduate students and doctoral students |
| Great Wall Program | full | general scholars and senior scholars (in developing countries) |
| EU Program | full | undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students, general scholars and senior scholars |
| AUN Program | full | graduate and doctoral students (from ASEAN member nations) |
| PIF Program | full | undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students, general scholars and senior scholars(from Pacific island countries) |
| WMO Program | full | undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students(major in meteorology, hydrology, and water resources) |
| Marine Scholarship of China | full | graduate and doctoral students(from a coastal/island country of South China Sea, the Indian Ocean, the Pacific and its surrounding island countries, or an African, American developing country) |
| MOFCOM Scholarship | full | graduate and doctoral students |
| Chinese Universities Scholarships | | |
| Many leading universities and colleges in China have set up their own scholarship schemes for attracting excellent international students and scholars to pursue studies at their universities. | | |
| Please note that this type of scholarship are in different names at different universities. They are usually named after universities' name, such as Zhejiang University Scholarship. So please don't mix it with the Chinese Government Scholarship--Chinese University Program. Applicants need to find specific programs at target university and apply for it through university's online platform | | |

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Confucius Institute Scholarship

Confucius Institute Scholarship Program was launched by Hanban (or Confucius Institute Headquarters) in a bid to encourage students, scholars and Chinese language teachers from other countries to study Chinese language in China. This type is also extensively accessible in plenty of universities as Hanban has provided Confucius Institute Scholarships to 149 institutions in 2018.

But it only open for applicants who are going to study Chinese Language and Culture, Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages or other subjects related to Chinese language. Moreover, it will require applicants to offer recommendation letters from recommending Institution.

Local Government Scholarships

Local Government Scholarships are launched by provincial and municipal local governments in China, which are designed to encourage more outstanding international students or scholars to study at universities in their provinces or municipalities.

In general, Local Government Scholarships aren't so widely available compared with Chinese Government Scholarships. Usually, local governments only set up a few number of scholarship programs for several designated institutions. However, there are maybe numerous universities in that province or city. So it is important to figure out if your target university can provide this type of scholarship.

According to the latest data, 15 Chinese provincial and municipal governments have established a total of 33 scholarship programs for foreign students and scholars in 2018:

| Province/ Municipality | Number of programs | Target schools |
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| Zhejiang Province | 6 programs | Zhejiang University of Science and Technology Ningbo University (2 programs) Zhejiang Sci-Tech University Zhejiang Normal University China Academy of Art |
| Jiangsu Province | 6 programs | Nanjing Agricultural University(2 programs) Nanjing University of Science and Technology Southeast University(2 programs) China Pharmaceutical University |
| Shanghai Municipality | 3 programs | East China Normal University Shanghai University of Political Science and Law Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine |
| Chongqing | 3 programs | Chongqing University |

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| Municipality | | Chongqing Normal University Chongqing University of Posts and Telecommunications |
| Beijing Municipality | 2 programs | China University of Petroleum Beijing Technology and Business University |
| Fujian Province | 2 programs | Xiamen University Wuyi University |
| Shandong Province | 2 programs | Shandong University China University of Petroleum (East China) |
| Liaoning Province | 2 programs | Dalian Maritime University |
| Guangdong Province | 1 program | Southern Medical University |
| Henan Province | 1 program | Zhengzhou University |
| Yunnan Province | 1 program | Yunnan Minzu University |
| Guizhou Province | 1 program | Guizhou University |
| Heilongjiang Province | 1 program | Harbin Normal University |
| Gansu Province | 1 program | Lanzhou University of Technology |
| Ningxia Province | 1 program | Ningxia Medical University |

Enterprise Scholarships

Some enterprises have set up scholarships to support international students in certain institutions in order to boost international exchange and technological innovation.

This type of scholarships have fewest programs but it can increase your chance to get one scholarship if the other scholarship programs at your target university are highly sought after.

Presidential scholarship

In order to attract more outstanding international students to study in Ocean University of China, to expand the scale of international students, and to improve the overall level of academic education for international students, President Scholarship has been established. Some of the scholarship under this category include:

1. *CAS-TWAS President's PhD Fellowship Programme. Link:*
<https://www.gsc.dicp.ac.cn/info/1101/3602.htm#:~:text=This%20CAS%2DTWAS%20President's%20Fellowship,Institutes%20of%20CAS%20around%20China>
2. President Scholarship for International Students of Ocean University of China (OUC) Link:
<https://sie.ouc.edu.cn/english/PresidentScholarship/list.htm>