
UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY–CHINA SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL VISITING SCHOLAR (24 MONTHS) FELLOWSHIP FOR POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

APPLICATION INFORMATION

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Introduction

The University of Sydney–China Scholarship Council Visiting Scholar (24 months) fellowship for postdoctoral fellows was established to permit early career research scholars from leading Chinese research universities to conduct research at the University of Sydney. The Visiting Scholar fellowships 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 two years.

Scholarship Benefits

The University of Sydney–China Scholarship Council Visiting Scholar Fellowship 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 with the head of the proposed host Department or School at the University of Sydney, to confirm that your research proposal will 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. 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/>)
3. Apply to the China Scholarship Council using the two China Scholarship Council forms (2a & 2b), together with any necessary attachments.
4. Provide CSC approval letter to Head of the proposed host Department or School.

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The University of Sydney–China Scholarship Council Visiting Scholar Fellowships shall be awarded under the following conditions:

1. **Award of Doctorate**

Applicants must have a PhD awarded within 2 years of the closing date for applying for the Research Fellowship, 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 (**Note:** cannot use this evidence if applying for a Training (Subclass 407) visa).
- (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 Fellowship**

The duration of the Visiting Scholar Fellowship shall be for a maximum period of two years.

7. **Commencement of Fellowship**

Appointments must commence on the date set out in the formal letter of offer, unless the Head of Scholarships approves otherwise.

8. Living Expenses and Health Insurance

The home institution of the Visiting Scholar Fellow 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 Visiting Scholar Fellowship. 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

Visiting Scholar Fellows 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 Scholarships Office at the completion of the period of the Fellowship. The report should be accompanied by an evaluative commentary by the Head of Department/School.

12. Unsatisfactory Progress

Any Visiting Scholar Fellow considered not to be making satisfactory progress will have the Fellowship reviewed by a committee appointed by the Head of Scholarships, who has the absolute discretion to terminate the Fellowship.

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>.

TIMELINE FOR USYD-CSC PROGRAM APPLICANTS

USYD Fellowship application opening date	November for next year intake
USYD Fellowship application closing date	15 January
Outcome of USYD Fellowship application	End of February
China Scholarship Council application deadline (main round)	March
China Scholarship Council application deadline (second round)	May

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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 (e.g. 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.