University of Sydney – China Scholarship Council Postgraduate Research Visiting Scholarship

Appointment Process for Faculty/School

1. Potential applicant will contact the head of the proposed host Faculty, School or academic at the University of Sydney and provide their research proposal for consideration.

2. If you would like to support the applicant's research proposal, please direct the student to apply through the [application portal](#) by the advertised deadline. Students will need to submit evidence of communication with their intended supervisor (i.e. email).

3. Applications will be reviewed by the University of Sydney in February and the top 15 qualified applicants will receive a formal letter of support from the University. (Top 15 will be selected based on academic merit, strength of research proposal and relevance to Chinese and Australian national research priorities). Academics will be informed of the outcome of the applicants they supported.

4. Applicants are required to submit this formal letter of support with their CSC Application Form.

5. The Scholarship conditions, eligibility criteria and detailed process for the applicants is available on the **USYD-CSC Postgraduate Research Visiting Scholarship application information.**

Important information:

English Language Requirement:

Successful applicants will be required to meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in the **USYD-CSC Postgraduate Research Visiting Scholarship application information**. This includes satisfying the University of Sydney's [English language proficiency requirements for admission](#). If at the time of application the student does not have the English language proficiency documentation, they will be required to provide it before an unconditional offer can be made and eCoE issued.

If the student has taken an approved test and has fallen short of the English language requirements, they may apply for an exemption in accordance with clause 7.2 in the [USYD Higher Degree by Research Rule 2011](#). This clause requires that the student has taken an approved English language test and if they fall within the outlined parameters in 7.2a (i) and (ii), they can seek a Dean's waiver for not meeting the minimum requirement.

If the results do NOT fall within the outlined parameters in 7.2a (i) and (ii), it will need to go to the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee to modify the limits. Students are required to have an approved English test result in order to trigger either of these exemptions.

Research Periods:

While discussing options with potential applicants, academics 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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Session	Session Start Date	Census Date	Session End Date
Research Period 1	1 Jan	31 Jan	28 Feb
Research Period 2	1 Mar	31 Mar	30 Jun
Research Period 3	1 Jul	31 Aug	30 Sep
Research Period 4	1 Oct	31 Oct	31 Dec

This is the timeline for hosting schools and departments in regard to applicants who are applying for a Postgraduate Research Visiting Scholarship.

USYD-CSC Postgraduate Research Visiting Scholarship application opening date	November for next year intake
USYD-CSC Postgraduate Research Visiting Scholarship application closing date	15 Jan
Outcome of USYD-CSC Postgraduate Research Visiting Scholarship application	End of February
China Scholarship Council application deadline (main round)	March
China Scholarship Council application deadline (second round)	May

For more information please contact the Scholarships Office at scholarship.office@sydney.edu.au

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