FAQs for the Chinese Government Scholarship

Q1: Which Chinese universities are under the Chinese Government Scholarship programs?
A: A total of 289 Chinese universities are designated by MOE to accept Chinese Government Scholarship students from which you can choose your target university. You can go to http://www.csc.edu.cn/studyinchina or http://www.campuschina.org for programs and universities available.

Q2: Do I have to register for Chinese-taught programs?
A: (1) Undergraduate scholarship recipients must register for Chinese-taught credit courses. If your Chinese language proficiency does not meet the requirements of your host university, you must take one academic year Chinese language/preparatory courses in one of the 10 designated universities and pass the required tests before moving on to your major studies. Failure to pass the required tests will lead to the automatic termination of your scholarship. Undergraduate scholarship recipients can apply for preparatory course exemption if they completed their secondary education in Chinese or have a valid HSK certificate that meets the requirements of the host university. Official documents from secondary schools or a photocopy of a valid HSK certificate must be submitted for a preparatory course exemption application. Please NOTE that HSK results are valid for only 2 years.

(2) If you are a graduate student or a non-degree student, you can register for either the Chinese-taught program or the English-taught program if applicable. You can check Program Search (By visiting http://www.csc.edu.cn/studyinchina or http://www.campuschina.org) to find your interested program. Scholarship recipients of Chinese-taught programs without adequate Chinese language proficiency must take Chinese language training courses for one to two academic years to reach the language requirements of their host universities before moving on to major studies. Failure to reach the required language proficiency will lead to the termination of scholarship. Recipients in programs such as Science, Engineering, Agriculture, Medicine (Western Medicine), Economics, Management, Legal Studies and Fine arts will take Chinese courses for one academic year. Recipients of Literature, History, Philosophy and Chinese Medicine will take Chinese courses for no more than two academic years. Scholarship students of the English-taught program or with adequate Chinese language proficiency (with valid HSK certificate) do not need to take Chinese language training courses.

Q3: What needs to pay special attention to when applying online?
A: (1) Please select the right Program Category and Agency No. (2) The item Apply for refers to the program you want to study rather than the degrees you have already held. (3) Majors should be one of the existing majors offered by Chinese universities be based on your actual educational
background. A nonexistent or improper major input will affect your application result. (4) Preference of Institution must be chosen from 289 Chinese universities designated by MOE. Any institution beyond the list will not be available for recruitment. (5) Duration of the Major Study should match the program you apply for. Please check introductions to each program for the specific schooling period. (6) Submitted applications can be retrieved for revision. Once retrieved, the previously submitted application becomes invalid. Therefore, revised application should be submitted one more time.

Q4. How to write a Study Plan or Research Proposal?
A: A Study Plan or Research Proposal states in details what you are going to do with the scholarship in China. It must include such information as the major you want to study in or the field of your research interest. It is of vital importance for those applicants for the graduate studies or senior scholar programs, so please make sure your study plan or research proposal states those information as specific as possible.

Q5: Can I apply for Chinese Government Scholarship without Admission Letters?
A: Yes. Applications enclosed with the Pre-admission Letter will be sent directly to the host universities for placement confirmation. Applications without the Pre-admission Letter will be sent to universities to go through admission procedure. For applicants without the Pre-admission Letter, China Scholarship Council cannot assure the host university will be one of the preferences of institution, since the capacity of the universities and the eligibility of the applicants will also be considered.

We strongly recommend the applicant to apply for your target universities as soon as possible, confirm with the university that the major and institution you choose could accept Chinese Scholarship winners and get the Pre-admission Letter. If you got the Pre-admission Letter before 31 March 2019, please scan it in PDF format and submit online with your application. If you got the Letter after 31 March 2019 when the application has been closed, you could send it to chinaembassyedu@gmail.com (Subject of Email: Pre-admission Letter). If an applicant got more than one Pre-admission Letters, please note in your online application or in the email your first, second and third choice. We will arrange the enrollment in such order and the applicant will not be permitted to change their academic programs, host universities or duration of study after admission.

Q6: Does the Letter of Acceptance or email from the supervisor equal to the Pre-admission Letter?
A: No. Only the pre-admission Letters (or Admission Letters) issued by the admissions office of designated Chinese universities are considered valid. Other files like acceptance letters from potential supervisors or emails from supervisors or professors shall not be regarded as the equivalent or substitute.

Q7: Is the Foreigner Physical Examination Form a necessary document?
A: Yes. Applicants planning to stay in China for more than 6 months must submit a photocopy of the Foreigner Physical Examination Form completed in English (The original copy should be kept by the applicant). The form designed by the Chinese quarantine authority can be downloaded from the attachment. We do not have designated physical examination so please consult the hospitals for their qualification.

The physical examinations must cover all the items listed in the Foreigner Physical Examination Form. Incomplete records or those without the signature of the attending physician, the official stamp of the hospital or a sealed photograph of the applicants are invalid. Please select the appropriate time to take physical examination as the result is valid for only 6 months. Applicants with Residence Permit for Foreigner in the People's Republic of China should also submit valid Foreigner Physical Examination Form.

**Q8. Can I apply for more than one scholarship program?**

A: Yes, but each scholarship recipient can be granted with no more than one scholarship. CSC reserves the right to grant only one scholarship to each individual recipient.

**Q9: Can Bruneian students who are now studying in China apply for the 2019/2020 Chinese Government Scholarship?**

A: Yes. Please prepare all the required documents and mail to the China Embassy in Brunei. A valid Foreigner Physical Examination Form is also needed. If a applicant is already under a scholarship but wins the 2019/2020 scholarship, the former scholarship will be terminated and the Chinese Government Scholarship starts at the following semester.

For students studying in Chinese universities, when preparing the required documents, you need to note that: (1) the official proof of student status by your current school should be notarized by China notarization authorities (please consult local agencies or seek for universities' assistance). Also provide the photocopy of your high school graduation certificate (no need for notarization); (2) transcripts of the semesters in your current school; (3) recommendation letter signed by professor or teacher who's familiar with your academic performance; (4) foreigner physical examination form (photocopy, can not be replaced by visa or residence permit in China); (5) HSK result (if have).

Please confirm with your current school that your university and major could accept Chinese Government Scholarship winner.

**Q10: How can I know the admission result?**

A: After checking all the eligible application documents, the China Embassy in Brunei will inform the eligible candidates by Email (applicants who are not on the list of candidates will not get noticed). The admission result will be decided by China Scholarship Council and relevant universities. Scholarship winners will be noticed by email again to come to the Embassy to get the final admission letters and the visa application forms (JW201).