

Call for Application for the 2016 Confucius Institute Scholarship



Now it is the time to submit your application for the 2016 Confucius Institute Scholarship offered through the Confucius Institute at the University of Delaware.

Categories of the 2016 scholarship include:

1. Scholarship for **Master's Degree in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (MTC SOL)** Students
2. Scholarship for **one-Academic-Year Study + MTC SOL** Students
3. Scholarship for **Bachelor's Degree in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (BTC SOL)** Students
4. Scholarship for **One-Academic-Year Study** Students
5. Scholarship for **One-Semester Study** Students

Applicants shall be non-Chinese citizens in good health, aged between 16 and 35 (Chinese language teachers in post shall be aged below 45, and applicants for bachelor degree seeking scholarship (BTC SOL) should be aged below 20).

Recipients of the scholarship can choose from a list of will be studying in **Xiamen University**, Xiamen, China.

I. Scholarship Category and Application Requirement

1. **Scholarship for Master's Degree in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (MTC SOL) Students**

This category provides a sponsorship for 2 academic years. Applicant should own a bachelor's degree or its equivalent, a minimum score of 180 in HSK Test (Level 5), and a minimum score of 50 in HSKK Test (Intermediate Level). Applicant who is able to provide the employment agreement or certification upon finishing the study from designated working institutions is preferred.

2. Scholarship for One-Academic-Year Study + MTCSOL Students

This category provides a sponsorship for 3 academic years. Applicant should provide the employment agreement from a designated Confucius Institute or a prospective working institution. Applicant should hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent, a minimum score of 180 in HSK Test (Level 3), and a minimum score of 60 in HSKK Test (Beginner Level).

3. Scholarship for Bachelor's Degree in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (BTCSOL) Students

This category provides a sponsorship for 4 academic years. Applicant should hold a high school diploma or above, a minimum score of 180 in HSK Test (Level 3), and a minimum score of 40 in HSKK Test (Intermediate Level).

4. Scholarship for One-Academic-Year Study Students

This category provides a sponsorship for 11 months. Application is open to Confucius Institute (Classroom) students, overseas Chinese language teachers, Chinese language major students and excellent performers in HSK test. International students who are now studying in China are not eligible for the scholarship. Applicant should have a minimum score of 180 in HSK Test (Level 3), and 60 in HSKK test (Beginner Level).

Alternatively, applicant should hold a minimum score of 180 in BCT (A), and a minimum score of 180 BCT (Speaking).

5. Scholarship for One-Semester Study Students

This category provides a sponsorship for 5 months. Applicant should have no prior experience of studying in China, but have a minimum score of 120 in HSK Test (Level 2), and a minimum score of 40 in HSKK (Beginner Level). Alternatively, applicant should have a minimum score of 100 in BCT (A), and a minimum score of 120 in BCT (Speaking).

II. Majors, Host Institutions & Admission

As a host institution, **Xiamen University**, Xiamen China, will provide various subjects including Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages, Chinese Language and Literature, Chinese History, Chinese Philosophy, Traditional Chinese Medicine, etc. For more detailed information of the host institution, please visit: <http://www.xmu.edu.cn/en/>

Admission for students of MTCSOL, one-Academic-Year Study + MTCSOL, BTCSOL, one-Academic-Year Study, and one-Semester Study is either on **September 1st, 2016** or **March 1st, 2017**.

III. Scholarship Coverage, Criteria and Academic Assessment

The Confucius Institute Scholarship provides full coverage on tuition fee, accommodation fee, living allowance and comprehensive medical insurance expenses. Tuition fee is under the overall planning and utilization of host institutions to provide teaching, management, Chinese language proficiency tests (HSK/HSKK), and cultural and social activities for scholarship holders.

Accommodation fee is under the overall planning and utilization of host institutions which should provide scholarship holders with free dormitory rooms (usually double rooms). For those who live off campus with the permission of host institutions are entitled to accommodation allowance from host institutions on by month or by quarter. The allowance criteria are RMB700 per person on monthly basis.

Living allowance is granted by the host institution on monthly basis. The allowance criteria per person are:

- BTCSOL, One-Academic-Year Study, One-Semester Study: RMB2,500 per month
- MTCSOL: RMB3,000 per month

Enrollment status is based on semesters of host institutions. Students who are enrolled before the 15th (or on the 15th) of the admission month, are entitled to the full allowance of that month. Students, who are enrolled after the 15th of that month, are only entitled to half of the allowance.

The living allowance for the month of graduation will be granted half a month later upon confirming the graduation status by host institutions.

During the study, for any students who is absent from China of personal reasons for more than 15 days (excluding legal holidays), the allowance will be suspended during absence. Allowance will be terminated in case of schooling suspension or dropping out for personal reasons.

Comprehensive medical insurance is purchased by the host institution in accordance to relevant regulations on international students stipulated by the Ministry of Education of China. The insurance fee per person is RMB800 per year.

The degree scholarship program applicants (Category 1, 2, 3) are subject to annual academic performance review. Only those who achieve outstanding records in academic and Chinese language proficiency are entitled to a full scholarship for the following year;

those who achieve average academic records are entitled to partial scholarships; the others will not be entitled to scholarship any longer. Partial scholarships consist of tuition fee, accommodation fee and comprehensive medical insurance. The One-Academic-Year Study and One-Semester Study programmers are required to attend Chinese language proficiency test before graduation. Test fee is reimbursed by host institutions.

IV. Application Procedure

Applicants should create an account and log on to <http://cis.chinese.cn>, complete and submit the “Confucius Institute Scholarship Application Form” online, and attach the electronic files of the following materials per instruction:

1. Passport personal information page with photo.
2. HSK, HSKK score reports.
3. Notarized highest education diploma attained (scheduled graduation proof or official proof of student status).
4. Official transcript.
5. Personal Statement (please specify why you are interested in the scholarship and how it would benefit your future study and long term career goal)
6. Name and contact information of at least two academic or professional references.
7. Applicants under the age of 18 shall submit relevant legal documents of entrusted legal guardians in China.

Submit your application form, current resume, personal statement, and the names and contact information of at least two academic or professional references via email to bethxu@udel.edu or drop it off at the UDCI’s office at 121 E Delaware Avenue, Newark, DE 19711.

Application Deadline: April 22, 2016.

Please be advised that you will be asked to provide more documents once you pass the first round selection. **First round interview will be held in the week of April 25, 2016.**

VI. Disclaimer

1. Incomplete or unqualified applications will not be processed.
2. Applicants will be disqualified from application in case of fraudulent application materials or application materials are completed and submitted by someone else.
3. Scholarship winners who cannot register with the host institutions on time should inform the host institution about the reasons in written form within 15 days before the admission date. For those who do not register as requested without reason, the scholarship will be canceled.

4. Scholarship will be canceled for those who do not pass the admission physical examination, drop out, or take schooling suspension during the study.
5. Scholarship Recipients are required to consult their academic advisor as well as Dr. Haihong Yang, Credit Transfer Officer of the Chinese Program by phone 302-831-2580 or via email hyang@udel.edu about credit transfer in relation to their Chinese studies at Xiamen University before they leave for Xiamen.
6. Scholarship recipients must comply with UD's credit transfer requirement. More information can be obtained from <http://www.udel.edu/registrar/transfer/transins-intl-sa.html>. Students must complete the Transfer Credit Evaluation Form before they leave.
7. Scholarship recipients must register in the Institute of Global Studies database and fulfill the University's international travel insurance requirement before they leave for Xiamen University. Contact Karen Lundin, Academic Program Coordinator at IGS by phone 302-831-4399 via email klundin@udel.edu after the scholarship is confirmed.

All applicants are encouraged to take HSK tests. The Confucius Institute at UD will offer HSK and HSKK tests through out the year. Please contact Ms. Wenqian Chen (email wqchen@udel.edu) for details at least seven business days before test date.

HSK & HSKK Test Dates in Spring 2016 (UD Newark Campus)

HSK	HSKK
Feb 21; Mar 20; Apr 16; May 21; June 12	Mar 20; May 21