



Around 13 China Scholarship Council-University of Leeds Scholarships are available for citizens and permanent residents of the People's Republic of China who will be commencing PhD research study from Session 2017/18 for study in any Faculty at the University of Leeds.

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE

Please refer to <http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130500/faculties> for the list of Schools within each Faculty

All Faculties

17: 00 (UK time) 6 January 2017

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

Academic fees

The award will cover full international fees.

Maintenance

The China Scholarship Council will provide a maintenance grant to successful applicants.

Travel/Other costs

The China Scholarship Council will pay for return economy air travel to and from the UK and visa application fees to successful applicants.

DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

3 years in total full-time*

*The award will be made for one year in the first instance and renewable for a further period of up to two years, subject to satisfactory academic progress;

Eligibility Criteria – please read this information carefully, as your application will be automatically rejected if you do not meet ALL of the criteria listed below

- Applicants MUST first submit a research degree study application form and be in receipt of a Student ID Number¹ to be eligible for a China Scholarship Council-University of Leeds Scholarship. Applications without a valid Student ID Number will be rejected. To apply for a place on a research degree programme, please visit: http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130206/applying/91/applying_for_research_degrees
- These awards are available to applicants who would be liable to pay academic fees at the full international fee rate;
- These awards are only available to citizens and permanent residents of the People's Republic of China at the time of application;
- Applicants must normally either be studying at a Chinese University, although there are a limited number of scholarship places open to Chinese Postgraduate Researchers currently in their last year of postgraduate study overseas (applicants should submit the required documentation via the Education Office of the Chinese Embassy in the UK – further details are provided on www.csc.edu.cn) or working at a Chinese University or company;
- Applicants must agree to return to China upon completion of their PhD research degree at the University of Leeds;
- Applicants must satisfy the selection criteria set out by the China Scholarship Council (CSC) by completing the CSC Application Form and CSC Employer Reference Form which can be found at <http://www.csc.edu.cn> (the application period for the CSC maintenance award is in March/April), ensuring that the correct Scholarship scheme has been selected – CSC-Leeds Joint Programme Channel (not the Individual Channel), as there are several different schemes;
- Applicants must normally hold a First Degree at undergraduate level equivalent to at least a UK First Class Honours degree and should be considered to be the 'best of the best' (eg successful applicants are likely to be in the top 5% of their MSc/MA and BSc/BA cohorts and already in receipt of prizes at national or international level). Applicants should either have graduated with the appropriate First Degree or be in their final year of study.
- Applicants whose first language is not English **must have already met** the University's English Language requirements by **6 January 2017** or be a current undergraduate student in their final year or a current postgraduate student at a University in an English speaking country. Some Schools require a standard of English higher than the University minimum. You should have a valid test result, which is normally no more

¹ New applicants automatically receive their Student ID Number by email. Applicants who already have a Student ID Number must ensure they apply for a research degree study place for Session 2017/18 as soon as possible.

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than two years old by your official start date at the University of Leeds. Examples of an acceptable English Language Standard can be found at: http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/123100/admissions/143/entry_requirements

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- These awards are not open to individuals who have already been awarded or are currently studying for a Doctoral degree or equivalent qualification;
- Successful scholarship award holders must not hold another Scholarship (other than a China Scholarship Council scholarship).

Regulations

These include the following (full information on the regulations will be sent to all successful applicants):

- Awards must be taken up by 1 October 2017;
- The awards are available for **new** Postgraduate Researchers undertaking full-time (3 years) study leading to the degree of **PhD**. Students who are already registered for PhD study are excluded from applying;
- Applicants must live within a reasonable distance of the University of Leeds whilst in receipt of this Scholarship.

Selection of Award Holders

Stage 1: Each School selects a shortlist of candidates who they wish to recommend for the award. The Group on Scholarships, Studentships and Prizes then meets to consider the shortlists and select the successful applicants. Selection is by academic merit and no other factors such as financial hardship are taken into account. Applicants can expect to be notified of the outcome of the international Fee award by the end of February 2017.

Stage 2: The scholarship award list is forwarded to the China Scholarships Council, who then operate their own review process and issue their own award letters to successful applicants by the end of June 2017.

The University will publish the names of the successful applicants within the University and externally on the University website.

How to Apply

Once you are in receipt of your Student ID Number please click on the following link:

<https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/centrally-funded-research-postgraduate-scholarships> which will take you to the online application form.

Scholarship applications can be tracked from mid January 2017 via <http://scholarships.leeds.ac.uk/tracking.aspx>. Further details are available at the end of the online application process. Please note that, due to the large volume of applications, the Postgraduate Scholarships Office will not enter into any correspondence regarding the progress of an application.