**UCAS Scholarship for International Students**

**2021 Call for Applications**

**Introduction**

The University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS) has set up the UCAS Scholarship for International Students to sponsor young talents all over the world to pursue Master’s or Doctoral degree, or attend courses, conduct research or pay academic visits at UCAS faculties/CAS institutes. The Scholarship also encourages international graduate students currently studying at foreign universities to come for study on joint programs.

The scholarship consists of both a full scholarship and a partial scholarship. The full scholarship provides tuition waiver, monthly stipend, basic accommodation and medical insurance; while the partial scholarship covers some items of the Full. Since 2016, the Scholarship has been majorly sponsoring Master’s and doctoral candidates.

**Scholarship Coverage and Duration**

**Coverage：**

1. **Tuition fee exemption by UCAS;**

Doctoral students would be exempted from a tuition fee of RMB 40,000/year.

Master students would be exempted from a tuition fee of RMB 30,000/year.

Senior visiting students would be exempted from a tuition fee of RMB 3,000/month.

Regular visiting student would be exempted from a tuition fee of RMB 2,600/month.

1. **Monthly stipend;**

UCAS provides monthly stipend of RMB 2,500 for Doctoral students, senior visiting students and students on joint programs, and RMB 2,000 for Master students and regular visiting students. In addition, host supervisor and UCAS faculty/CAS institute (hereinafter referred to as faculty/institute) provide research assistantship for awardees considering their academic performances. The total amounts of monthly stipend will be no less than RMB 3500 for Doctoral students, senior visiting students and students on joint programs, and RMB 3000 for Master students and regular visiting students.

1. **Accommodation;**

UCAS provides basic accommodation to awardees from faculties/institutes located in Beijing. As for awardees from CAS institutes located outside Beijing, they would be provided with basic accommodation when attending the concentrated study at UCAS, while their host institutes would help to provide accommodation or solve accommodation-related problems when awardees are with them, and the awardees shall pay for relevant expenses as requested by the institutes.

1. **Medical Insurance;**

The insurance premium is RMB 800/year and RMB 400/half year. Please refer to the [www.lxbx.net](http://www.lxbx.net) for the introduction of insurance coverage.

**Duration （**with NO EXTENSION**）**

1. Master students: no longer than 36 months
2. Doctoral students: no longer than 36 months
3. Students on joint programs: 6-24months
4. Regular and Senior visiting students: 6-24 months

**General conditions for applicants:**

Meet the admission criteria for UCAS international students (please refer to the [calls](http://english.ucas.ac.cn/index.php/admission/international-students) for 2021 Master’s or Doctoral Programs for international students);

* Get acceptance by a host supervisor and approval by the UCAS faculty/CAS institute that the supervisor is affiliated with;

Have an appropriate attitude toward learning and scientific research and have outstanding academic performance;

Have not accepted any other sponsorship at the time of application;

Age requirements:

1. For master program applicants: be born after 1 January 1991 (inclusive).
2. For PhD program applicants: be born after 1 January 1986 (inclusive)
3. Students on joint programs: No age limit.
4. Regular visiting students: be born after 1 January 1981 (inclusive).
5. Senior visiting students: be born after 1 January 1976 (inclusive).

Be proficient in English or Chinese. Applicants whose native language is not English should provide unexpired TOEFL or IELTS scores. TOEFL scores should be 90 or higher, and IELTS scores should be 6.5 or higher. Applicants are not required to submit a TOEFL or IELTS score only if their:

1. Native language is English, or
2. Major undergraduate courses are conducted in English/Chinese, which should be stated in transcripts, or
3. New HSK Band 5 passed with over 200 scores.

Other requirements on applicants on joint programs:

1. Applicants should be currently studying at higher institutions abroad.
2. The higher institution abroad the applicant is affiliated with should have signed relevant collaboration and exchange agreement with CAS/UCAS/CAS institute.
3. Awarded student should register before the November of 2021.
4. The academic visit to or joint culture at CAS should last for no shorter than 6 months.

Other requirements on visiting students:

1. Scholars should register before the November of 2021.
2. Scholars shall be further educated for no shorter than 6 months.

Note：Students who are currently studying at higher institutions in China cannot apply (with exception for this year’s graduates).

**Application Guideline**

**1. CHECK ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

You should verify that you meet ALL the requirements specified in the “General conditions for applicants” section of this call. You need to find an eligible professor of your interest that agrees to accept you. See [here](http://english.ucas.ac.cn/index.php/admission/international-students) for a list of eligible schools/institutes and supervisors of UCAS. Send an explanatory e-mail together with your CV, research proposal and other required documents to him/her, and indicate that you wish to apply for the master’s or doctoral program of UCAS Scholarship for International Students. Your supervisor should finish the required procedure illustrated in the email automatically sent to him/her by the UCAS system immediately after your application materials pass the preliminary review by the institute/college with which the supervisor is affiliated.

**2. SUBMIT BOTH OF YOUR ADMISSION APPLICATION AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION VIA THE ONLINE SYSTEM.**

You shall log in the Online Application System for International Students of UCAS (<http://adis.ucas.ac.cn>), correctly fill in your personal information, upload authentic documents required for admission (please refer to the [calls](http://english.ucas.ac.cn/index.php/admission/international-students) for doctoral/master/visiting program) and submit your applications for both admission and scholarship.

**Please note:**

a. All uploaded documents should be in Chinese or in English; otherwise notarial translations in Chinese or English are required. Once translated, the original documents and their notarial translations are required to submit together to the application system. Please use a scanner to prepare all the required documents in colour. Images captured by mobile phone or camera are not acceptable. Copies are also not acceptable.

b. The university has the right to request applicants to provide the original or notarial hard copies of their application documents for further qualification checks if the uploaded documents are insufficient. Applicants shall guarantee all the information and application documents submitted in this application are authentic and accurate, otherwise they will be disqualified from admission.

c. Application with incomplete documents, lack of some required documents or wrong personal information will not be processed.

d. The applicant cannot apply to more than one institute/school and supervisor.

e. Please choose major, host supervisor and host institute cautiously before submission. After enrolment at UCAS, applications for the change of these items are seldom considered.

f. Please DO NOT send any hard copy of application materials directly to the International Students Office of UCAS. None of the application documents will be returned.

g. The Chinese Government Scholarship, ANSO Scholarship for Young Talents and UCAS Scholarship for International Students do not request for application processing fee.

h. Processing fee is non-refundable in any case.

i. Please prepare your application carefully. After submission, none will be returned to you for modifications.

**Application Deadline**

March 31, 2021

**Notification of Decision and Visa Application**

The admission decisions will be made normally in May to June. The offers of admissions, award letters and other documents will be conveyed afterwards.

Awardees shall take the following documents to the Embassy or Consulate of the People's Republic of China, and apply for a student visa (X1/X2 visa):

Personal passports as used for application

Admission Notice

Visa Application Form (JW202)

Physical Examination Record for Foreigners

Other original reports from the physical examination

Please keep safe of the original Admission Notice and Visa Application Form (JW202). They are essential in the application for the Permanent Residence Permit upon registration. Please do not apply for visa waiver or other types of visa.

**Additional Information**

Awardees must register at the time and place indicated in the Admission Notice. Otherwise, they should apply for extension of their registration.

Awardees must show the original copies of Bachelor’s degree certificate and transcript to International Students Office.

The duration of the scholarship stated explicitly in the Admission Notice.

* The scholarship can be retained for no longer than 2 months since the deadline of the registration.
* Awardees receive monthly stipend from UCAS since the registration day. Those who register before the 15th of a given month (including 15th) receive a full-month stipend, while those register after the 15th of a given month receive a half-month stipend.
* Registered awardees must abide by relevant rules and regulations of the universities*,* and attend reviews and examinations, such as the qualifying tests on time. Awardees who fail review or examination will be deprived of their scholarship or their scholarship will be suspended.
* Any work produced and published by the awardees during the funding period of the scholarship must be credited to the institute/school and the university where the awardees are enrolled. Awardees are also required to acknowledge “Sponsored by UCAS Scholarship for International Students in written dedication.

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