

University of Amsterdam - China Scholarship Council PhD Programme

Application instructions and fact sheet on the Call for Applications for UvA-CSC PhD Scholarship Programme 2024

In 2013, the University of Amsterdam and the China Scholarship Council signed an agreement on PhD training, catering for outstanding PhD candidates from China, to pursue a PhD at the UvA on a 48-month scholarship awarded by the CSC.

PhD-candidates can apply for a PhD scholarship at the CSC only **AFTER** they have secured a preliminary offer of a PhD position in UvA and have fulfilled the conditions in order to be added to the internal nomination list by UvA.

Applying for a PhD scholarship at the CSC (10 March - 30 March 2024)

Application at CSC is the responsibility of the PhD candidate. The candidate can submit the application from 10 March 2024, the application deadline is 30 March 2024.

The applicant must verify eligibility according to the CSC guidelines and regulations via <http://apply.csc.edu.cn/>.

The CSC will undertake to select the candidates in April – June 2024. The CSC will contact the Doctorate Board of UvA to verify if the applicants selected by them have been accepted by UvA as well. Please note that UvA and the envisaged supervisor are not engaged in the final decision and cannot and will not communicate about the outcome of the CSC selection. CSC will inform the candidates of their selection.

Application for a PhD position in UvA and subsequent internal nomination (deadline Monday 4 March 2024, 09.00 AM**)**

Applicants must start the procedure of applying for a PhD position at the UvA well in advance of the CSC deadline. It may take several months to find a supervisor willing to accept the research proposal and accept the prospective PhD candidate.

The internal application deadline of UvA is **Monday 4 March 2024, 09.00 AM**. This means that the candidate will need to arrange a letter of preliminary acceptance by the supervisor/the department by this date (see below), as well as a positive outcome of the diploma evaluation.

Procedure towards internal nomination by UvA:

1. The applicant must identify an appropriate research group within the University of Amsterdam matching the thematic focus of the envisaged PhD research project. Please note that in all cases applications for a PhD position take place via the faculty only.

Currently the Faculties of Medicine and Dentistry do not accept bursary PhD candidates in general, this means that applying for a PhD position to be funded via a scholarship in these faculties is not possible.

2. The applicant contacts an envisaged PhD supervisor and prepares a PhD research proposal in consultation with the envisaged supervisor.

For possible supervisors please refer to <https://www.uva.nl/en/about-the-uva/organisation/organisation.html>

If the prospective supervisor is willing to accept the applicants proposal and act as supervisor, the supervisor and applicant can proceed with the procedure. If the research proposal is not accepted by a supervisor, the procedure ends here.

Please note that the department/faculty may require that the PhD candidate meets additional requirements, e.g. a certain level of English language proficiency.

3. The applicant must submit a dossier for the diploma evaluation, containing scans of all relevant documents, i.e. master and bachelor diploma, all transcripts/lists of marks of bachelor and master, translations of Chinese documents, an extensive resumé including information on the home university, and a copy of the passport or other ID. The dossier should be sent to the envisaged supervisor by e-mail.

The envisaged supervisor must subsequently forward the applicants dossier by e-mail to the Doctorate Board for a preliminary diploma evaluation (via CvP-bb@uva.nl). The Doctorate Board will inform the envisaged supervisor of the outcome of the preliminary diploma evaluation and the subsequent procedure. If the level is insufficient, the procedure ends here.

4. The envisaged supervisor must submit a self-evaluation of the research proposal regarding knowledge security issues (via CvP-bb@uva.nl). The self-evaluation must be submitted **before Monday 4 March 2024, 09.00 AM**.
5. If the envisaged supervisor approves of the application and decides to accept the applicant as PhD candidate, the supervisor must arrange approval of the director of the relevant department, who will issue a letter of preliminary acceptance. This letter must state that the UvA will accept the applicant on two conditions:

- a. At the start of the PhD trajectory, the applicant must be able to prove she or he fulfils the educational requirements (Master's degree must be completed);
 - b. The applicant must have secured the CSC scholarship.
- 6. The letter by the director of the department must be sent to:
 - a. The CSC applicant. The applicant needs the letter as proof to the CSC that she or he has been accepted by the University of Amsterdam. Without this proof, the candidate cannot apply for a scholarship at CSC. Note that the deadline for completing this letter and sending it to the applicant is **28 March 2024**, this will allow the applicant to apply before the CSC deadline of 30 March.
 - b. The secretariat of the Doctorate Board at the UvA (via CvP-bb@uva.nl) (deadline 28 March 2024).

The Doctorate Board makes a nomination list of prospective candidates. This list will be shared with CSC after the applicants have applied for the scholarship. Please note that if the acceptance letter by the department is not sent to the secretariat of the Doctorate Board, the applicant cannot and will not be added to the nomination list. The consequence is that CSC will deny the scholarship. Note that the deadline for sending the acceptance letter to the secretariat of the Doctorate Board is **28 March 2024**.