



# Chinese Government Scholarship

## Studies Commencing in September 2025

### Program Overview

Chinese Government Scholarships (CGS) to support Chinese language studies or academic programs of study are available through an agreement between the Ministry of Education of the Peoples' Republic of China and the Province of Alberta, Ministry of Advanced Education (AE). AE administers the recruitment of students and routine management of the program within Alberta. The China Scholarship Council (CSC) evaluates candidates for the CGS scholarships and advises AE of its recommendations.

The scholarship is open-ended with ongoing monitoring of the success of the program. The final decision as to the term of the program is at the discretion of the People's Republic of China.

Up to five full scholarships are available under the following categories:

Category	Major Study (year)	Chinese Language (Preparatory Study) (year)	Duration of Scholarship (year)
Undergraduate	4-5	1-2	4-7
Master's degree	2-3	1-2	2-5
Doctoral degree	3-4	1-2	3-6
General Scholars	Up to 1	Up to 1	Up to 2
Senior Scholars	Up to 1	Up to 1	Up to 2

- Undergraduate scholarship recipients must register for Chinese-taught credit courses. They are required to take one-year preparatory courses and must pass the required test before moving on to their major studies.
- 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.
- Graduate and non-degree scholarship students can register for either the Chinese-taught program or the English-taught program if applicable.
- Scholarship recipients of Chinese-taught programs without adequate Chinese proficiency must take Chinese language courses for one to two academic years to reach the language requirements of their host universities before moving on to their major studies. Failure to reach the required language proficiency will lead to the automatic termination of scholarship.

### **Application Process for Alberta Students for Studies Commencing September 2025**

See **Appendix A** for *CGS Application Documents* and **Appendix B** for *Scholarship Details*.

The deadline for submitting completed applications is **January 22, 2025**. Applications should be mailed to:

Alberta Advanced Education  
International and Industry Collaboration Unit  
19<sup>th</sup> Floor, Commerce Place  
10155 – 102 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5J 4L5

In addition, please email a scanned copy of the application package to: [international.ed@gov.ab.ca](mailto:international.ed@gov.ab.ca).

### **Eligibility**

- Applicants must be a Canadian citizen, hold a Canadian Passport, be in good health, whose primary domicile or permanent residence is in the Province of Alberta.

2. Educational background and age limits are as follows:

Category	Age Limit	Educational Background
Undergraduate studies	Under the age of 25	Must have a high school diploma
Master's degree	Under the age of 35	Must have a Bachelor's degree
Doctoral degree	Under the age of 40	Must have a Master's degree
General Scholar	Under the age of 45	Must have completed 2 years of undergraduate studies. May pursue any major except for Chinese language.
Senior Scholar	Under the age of 50	Must have a minimum of a graduate degree or hold an academic title of associate professor or higher.

3. Chinese proficiency requirements are as follows:

- have acquired the Chinese proficiency of HSK Level 3 when applying for Chinese-taught undergraduate or general scholar programs (studying Chinese language are exempted);
- have acquired the Chinese proficiency of HSK Level 3 when applying for Chinese-taught senior scholar programs;
- have acquired the Chinese proficiency of HSK Level 4 when applying for Chinese-taught master's or doctoral programs;
- meet the admission requirements of the applied universities in terms of academic ability, language proficiency and other relevant criteria.

## Appendix A – CGS Application Documents

Applicants must complete and provide the following documents with their application, by **January 22, 2025**.

For information on CGS Application Procedures, please visit:

<https://vancouver.lxgz.org.cn/vancouver/lxzq/lxzq/2021111103363495198/index.html>

1. **Application Form:** Printout of the full on-line [Application Form](#) that applicant submitted electronically. Alberta applicants are to use **1242** as the **Agency Number** in the application.
2. **Cover Letter:** Describes your interest in the CGS, a description of how the award will assist you in meeting your academic, career or personal goals, special interests, achievements or international experience, or any information the applicant feels is relevant.
3. **Copy of Passport Home Page:** Applicant shall submit a clear scanned copy of his/her ordinary passport with validity later than March 1, 2025.
4. **Notarized Highest Diploma:** Prospective diploma winners must submit official proof of student status by their current school. Documents in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized Chinese or English translations.
5. **Academic Transcripts:** Transcripts in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized Chinese or English translations.
6. **Language Qualification Certificates:** Applicants for Chinese-taught programs must submit valid HSK reports in accordance with the corresponding Chinese proficiency requirements. Applicants for other language-taught programs shall provide relevant language proficiency certificates according to the universities' requirements, like IELTS or TOFEL report.
7. **Pre-Admission Documents:** All applicants must provide a pre-admission document issued by the universities applying. Pre-admission documents include pre-admission notice issued by the international student's admission department or invitation letter from the schools or professors, etc.
8. **A Study Plan or Research Proposal in Chinese or English:** A minimum of 200 words for undergraduates, 500 words for non-degree students, and 800 words for postgraduates.
9. **Recommendation Letters:** Applicants for graduate programs or senior scholar programs must submit two letters of recommendation in Chinese or English from professors or associate professors.
10. **Example of Art:** To apply for art or design related majors, applicants could submit their own works through "Example of Art/Other Supporting Documents" in the system. Applicants could also provide such materials to the applied universities directly in other ways.
11. **Non-Criminal Record Report:** The applicant shall submit a valid certificate of Non-Criminal Record issued by the local public security authority, usually issued within 6 months prior to the submission date of the application.
12. Applicants under the age of 18 should submit the valid documents of their legal guardians in China.
13. 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 is designed by the Chinese quarantine authority and can be obtained from the dispatching authority. 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.

**Reminder: All uploaded supporting documents must be clear, authentic, and valid. Applicants are advised to use a professional device to scan all relevant documents. Unclear or unidentifiable uploaded materials may not be accepted.**

## Appendix B – Scholarship Details

### Full Scholarship:

Students are responsible for their own international airfare costs.

A CGS full scholarship covers the following:

1. **Tuition Waiver:** Tuition funds will be comprehensively used by the host university. It may cover scholarship students' education, administration costs and expenditures to support student activities.
2. **Accommodation:** Free university dormitory or accommodation subsidy.
  - a. If the host university requires students to live on campus, the university will accommodate the scholarship students in a university dormitory (usually a twin room).
  - b. If the host university permits students to live off campus, the university will provide monthly/quarterly accommodation subsidy:
    - Undergraduates and Master's (general scholars) students - CNY 700 per month
    - Doctoral students (senior scholars) - CNY 1000 per month.
3. **Stipend:** Within the scholarship duration, registered scholarship students will receive a stipend from their host university each month at the following rates:
  - Undergraduates: CNY 2,500 per month
  - Master's students (general scholars): CNY 3,000 per month
  - Doctoral students (senior scholars): CNY 3,500 per month

Students registering on or before the 15th of the month will receive a full stipend of that month. Those who register after the 15th of the month will receive a half stipend of that month. Graduating students will receive stipend until half month after the graduation date. If a registered student stays out of China for more than 15 days due to a personal reason (school holidays excluded), their stipend will be stopped during the leave.

4. **Comprehensive Medical Insurance:** Please visit <http://www.csc.edu.cn/laihua> or <http://www.campuschina.org> and refer to Comprehensive Insurance & Protection Scheme for Foreigners Staying in China for insurance policy.

### Approval and Notification

The China Scholarship Council (CSC) will make its recommendations on the basis of academic achievement, demonstrated aptitudes, personal qualities, and character, as well as interest and participation in institutional and community affairs. Preference will be given to applicants who are proceeding to their first Baccalaureate, Masters or PhD degree.

**Application Result:** The application result will be released around the beginning of June 2025. Alberta Advanced Education and Education Office, Consulate-General of The People's Republic of China in Vancouver will be responsible for the notification of the result to all the applicants by e-mail.

**Visa Package Mailing:** The Letter of Admission and Visa Application for Studying in China (JW201) will be posted to the scholarship recipients at the beginning of July 2025. The recipients will apply for the Chinese visa at the nearest visa section of the Chinese Consulate General and be prepared to study in China.