



CONDITIONS OF AWARD

Adelaide University China Fee Scholarships (AUCFS) – For PhD students commencing in semester 2, 2023 or semester 1, 2024

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1. INTRODUCTION

The China Scholarship Council (CSC) and The University of Adelaide (UA) will jointly sponsor students from the People's Republic of China to undertake a Doctor of Philosophy degree program at the University of Adelaide commencing in semester 2, 2023 or semester 1, 2024.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Adelaide University China Fee Scholarships (AUCFS) will only be available to those applicants who:

- 2.1. Are citizens and permanent residents of the People's Republic of China at the time of application;
- 2.2. Are less than 35 years old at the time of application (this is a CSC eligibility requirement);
- 2.3. Are a university student completing a master's degree, or enrolled as a first year PhD student, or new graduates from their university at the time of application;
- 2.4. Agree to return to China upon completion of their studies and/or research;
- 2.5. Have met the university's minimum [English Language Proficiency requirements](#) for direct entry into their chosen academic program by the University of Adelaide's application deadline (CSC applicants are not permitted to undertake Pre-Enrolment English programs);
- 2.6. Hold an unconditional offer of enrolment at the University of Adelaide, which is subject to the applicant also being successful in applying for a CSC award;
- 2.7. Satisfy the selection criteria set out by CSC, available online: <http://apply.csc.edu.cn/>.
- 2.8. University of Adelaide graduates who have a First Class Honours degree or a Masters degree with an approved research project may be considered for nomination for a four year PhD scholarship. University of Adelaide graduates who hold a coursework Masters degree should have an overall grade of Distinction with not less than a High Distinction in their research component(s).

3. SELECTION

The selection of applicants is the responsibility of the Dean of Graduate Studies using the criteria of academic merit and research potential. Consideration is given to the following factors:

- the academic merit and research potential of the individual applicants
- the research component and level of the highest qualification obtained
- publications and/or research experience
- the quality of the institution at which the highest qualification was obtained; and

- any special links between the University of Adelaide and the student's home university.

4. BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES

The **China Scholarship Council** will provide successful candidates with a living stipend and support as prescribed from time to time by the Chinese Government. Please refer to the [CSC website](#) for detailed information.

The **University of Adelaide** will provide scholarship support by waiving the cost of full tuition and other compulsory student fees for up to 48 months (Adelaide University China Fee Scholarship), directly corresponding to the CSC's approved duration.

The **University of Adelaide** may provide an additional payment of AUD\$2,000 to a graduate of an overseas university upon arrival in Adelaide from overseas for the purpose of taking up this scholarship. This allowance is payable after the student's arrival and subsequent enrolment at the University of Adelaide. This allowance will not be paid where the recipient:

- is living in Adelaide upon application / award / acceptance of this scholarship;
- is continuing on from study at the University of Adelaide or another Australian institution; or
- has applied for permanent residency status in Australia.

No other allowances will be paid by The University of Adelaide.

5. VISA ENTITLEMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS

International candidates on a *Student Visa (Subclass 500)* (and their partners and dependants) are required to have **Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)** for the duration of their program. International candidates are also required to pay for visa application fees and meet the costs of any medical examinations associated with the issue or renewal of visas for themselves, their partners and their dependants. It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure they hold a valid visa while in Australia. If a visa expires, the candidate may be removed from Australia. These expenses are NOT covered by this award.

6. COMMENCEMENT

The scholarship must be taken up as soon as possible in the intake for which it was awarded. It is not possible to defer the award. Leave for the purpose of deferring the commencement date will not be allowed.

The University may withdraw the award if an applicant does not commence by the agreed date, fails to provide documentation required after a provisional offer, provides false or misleading documentation or fails to maintain satisfactory progress in their program.

7. PERIOD OF SUPPORT

Up to four years, or as specified in the candidate's CSC approval letter. The period of tenure commences on the first day of enrolment in the degree. The duration of the fee waiver will be reduced by any period of enrolment in the program of study prior to taking up the award. Students are not permitted to enrol on a part-time basis.

Extensions beyond four years are not permitted. The award cannot be transferred to any other institution. An award for PhD studies cannot be converted to a Research Masters.

Scholarships are renewable annually, subject to satisfactory progress, determined by the outcome of the Annual Review of Progress and/or other formal progress reviews undertaken throughout the year.

8. LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS

- Students are entitled to 20 working days of paid **recreation** leave per year. Further information on annual recreation leave can be found in the [Research Student Handbook](#). Periods of recreation leave do not extend the normal duration of the award. Recreation leave not taken during the tenure of the award is forfeited. International students are required to lodge an application for recreation leave at least 15 working days in advance.
- Awards holder may take up to 10 working days paid **sick** leave a year (accruable) within the tenure of their award. This period does not extend the normal duration of the award. All applications for sick leave must be

accompanied by an official medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner. Certificates must clearly specify the dates for all periods of sick leave applied for.

- **Periods of leave of absence will not be applied against the scholarship except in the above circumstances and will not extend the tenure of the award.**
- Award holders who intend to leave the country during candidature (for personal or study related reasons) must notify the Adelaide Graduate Research School, by submitting an [Application for Leave of Absence and/or Recreation Leave for International Research Students](#) form prior to their departure.

9. SUSPENSION OF AN AWARD

- 9.1. The University will not approve suspensions or study leave earlier than six months into the program.
- 9.2. An award holder who wishes to take leave of absence should refer to Section 8: Leave Entitlements.
- 9.3. **Non-Lodgement of Milestones:** Students who do not meet required program milestones (e.g. Core Component of the Structured Program (CCSP), Annual Reviews, Major Review, Pre-Submission Review) will have their award suspended. No reimbursement for periods of suspension under these circumstances will be granted.

10. TERMINATION

Termination of your scholarship will take place in the following circumstances:

- 10.1. Submission of the thesis;
- 10.2. Scholarship expires or is no longer available;
- 10.3. Student no longer meets the eligibility criteria to hold the award;
- 10.4. The student has not fulfilled the obligations of the award;
- 10.5. Where a student has not completed compulsory milestones by the due date or has not made satisfactory progress;
- 10.6. An award holder withdraws from study, ceases to be enrolled or does not apply for approved leave or suspension of award; or
- 10.7. A student has provided false or misleading information.

11. EMPLOYMENT (Paid or Voluntary Work)

- 11.1. The University does not require a scholarship student to undertake employment.
- 11.2. Full-time candidates should limit work/activity unrelated to their research project to eight hours per week during normal office hours (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm), and any work undertaken must be consistent with the conditions of the student's visa, where applicable.
- 11.3. Employment may only be undertaken with the approval of the Principal Supervisor and Head of Department. The Principal Supervisor and Head of the School/Discipline in which a student is enrolled will be responsible for ensuring that excessive employment is not undertaken to the detriment of the student's study program.
- 11.4. Outside of normal working hours, there is no limit on the amount of time that a student can work.
- 11.5. Students are required to maintain an appropriate level of contact hours in accordance with their enrolment. If students undertake employment they must ensure that it does not impede academic progress. A student's award may be terminated or a student may be placed on probation if the University does not consider that progress is satisfactory.

12. RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS AND PLACEMENTS

- 12.1. Recipients of an Adelaide University China Fee Scholarship are not permitted to undertake a research internship or placement **unless** written permission is provided by the China Scholarship Council prior to undertaking the research internship or placement.

- 12.2. Approval to participate in a placement, internship, or professional practice is contingent on:
- Satisfactory progress in the academic program;
 - The ability to complete the placement and academic program within the standard program duration; and
 - The establishment of a placement agreement with defined learning objectives which are agreeable to all parties.
- 12.3. If approved, students will not have their Adelaide University China Fee Scholarship extended by the duration of the placement, internship, or professional practice activity.
- 12.4. If a student receives additional funding support to undertake a placement, internship or professional practice, the payment must not exceed 75% of the value of the China Scholarship Council funded sponsorship.

13. STUDENT OBLIGATIONS

Students are subject to the University's rules and requirements as outlined in the [Academic Program Rules](#) for the degree of enrolment and the [Research Student Handbook](#).

Overseas students are also subject to the requirements of the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (ESOS Act), the National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students (The National Code 2018) and to the [University's policies and procedures](#).

- 13.1. Award holders must abide by the NHMRC codes on human and animal experimentation, guidelines established by the Australian Government's Recombinant DNA Monitoring Committee and rulings of the safety and ethics committees of the University of Adelaide.
- 13.2. Award holders are required to comply with the Regulations of the University of Adelaide.
- 13.3. Award holders must provide progress reports as required by the University including an Annual Review of Progress.
- 13.4. The award may be terminated or the award holder placed on probation if the University does not consider that progress is satisfactory and the situation cannot be favourably resolved after consultation with the student and the department concerned. See also **Section 10: Termination**.
- 13.5. Award holders are required to notify the Adelaide Graduate Centre in writing in the event they:
- i. obtain permanent residency (overseas students)
 - ii. receive a living allowance or stipend from any other source
 - iii. discontinue their studies
 - iv. change their attendance status
 - v. are unable to work at full-time capacity
 - vi. require sick leave
 - vii. intermit higher degree candidature
 - viii. propose to study overseas
 - ix. transfer from a Doctorate to a Masters by Research candidature
 - x. change department/supervisor(s)
 - xi. submit a thesis for examination
 - xii. make any changes that in any way affect their candidature
 - xiii. are in receipt of any scholarship monies they may not be entitled to

Note: Award holders are requested to give advice of any such change of circumstances at least ten working days in advance of the event in order to implement the necessary changes before the payroll is run.

14. CONCURRENT ENROLMENT

Except with the permission of the Dean of Graduate Studies, a candidate may not enrol concurrently in another academic program. Failure to comply with this condition **will result in immediate termination of the scholarship.**

15. SUPERVISION

Candidates will be subject to the University's rules as outlined in the [Research Student Handbook](#).

16. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The appropriate appeal procedures for higher degree candidates are those defined by the Student Grievance Resolution Process. Information can be found online at: <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/student/grievance/>.

17. ENQUIRIES AND INFORMATION

Enquiries about Conditions of Award should be addressed to the Scholarships Team via research.scholarships@adelaide.edu.au

Further Information on Higher Degrees by Research:	
Adelaide Graduate Centre Level 10, Schulz Building The University of Adelaide, South Australia 5005	Email: research_degrees@adelaide.edu.au Website: www.adelaide.edu.au

This Information is correct at the time of publication.

Please note, these Conditions of the Award may be changed without notice to comply with legal requirements or University policy.