



UCD CSC Scholarship Scheme

Guidelines for UCD Academic Staff

Background

UCD and the Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC), affiliated with the Ministry of Education of China, established the UCD-CSC Scholarship Scheme in 2007 to assist Chinese students to pursue graduate research, in UCD. The scheme aims to attract some of the very best students from China to UCD and to promote UCD within China as an attractive destination for graduate research programmes.

We are encouraging recruitment of students from our partners and the Project 985 (High Ranking) universities. Students from these universities are more likely to get funding approved by CSC and higher potential to further build links between UCD and their home institution. However, other universities will also be considered.



UCD Partner Universities in China

- Beihang University
- Beijing University of Technology (including Beijing Dublin International College-BDIC)
- Beijing Foreign Studies University
- Beijing Institute of Technology
- Beijing Technology and Business University
- Beijing University of Chemical Technology
- Central South University
- Chang'an University
- China Agricultural University
- China University of Political Science and Law
- Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science
- Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
- Chongqing University
- Fudan University
- Guangdong Medical University (UCD Health Science)
- Harbin Institute of Technology (including Weihai campus)
- Minzu University of China
- Nankai University
- Northwestern Polytechnical University
- Northwest Agriculture and Forestry University
- Peking University
- Renmin University
- Shanghai University of Sport (UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science)
- Shanghai Jiaotong University
- Shanghai Academy of Social Science
- Shenzhen University
- South China Agricultural University
- Tianjin University
- Tianjin Chengjian University (UCD School of Civil Engineering)
- Tianjin Sports University Sport (UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science)
- Tongji University
- Tsinghua University
- University of Nottingham Ningbo
- Wuhan University
- Xi'an Jiaotong University
- Xidian University
- Xiamen University
- Zhejiang Normal University
- Zhejiang University



Project 985(High Ranking) Universities in China

- [Nanjing University](#)
- [University of Science and Technology of China](#)
- [Beijing Normal University](#)
- [Beihang University](#)
- [Dalian University of Technology](#)
- [East China Normal University](#)
- [Huazhong University of Science and Technology](#)
- [Hunan University](#)
- [Jilin University](#)
- [Lanzhou University](#)
- [Northeastern University](#)
- [Ocean University of China](#)
- [Southeast University](#)
- [Shandong University](#)
- [Sichuan University](#)
- [South China University of Technology](#)
- [Tongji University](#)
- [University of Electronic Science and Technology of China](#)



Two CSC Schemes

There are two possible Scholarship arrangements:

- 1) Chinese students undertake a **4 year, full time PhD degree** programme in UCD.
- 2) Chinese students come on a **6 - 24month Research Visit**

Note: Irrespective of the scheme the student must follow the same application and approval process

Securing a UCD CSC Scholarship is a Two Stage Process.

Stage 1: The student applies to UCD and following approval by the relevant College Graduate School Board is given an offer to carry out their doctoral education under the supervision of a UCD supervisor with the condition that the applicants secures the scholarship from the CSC

Stage 2: The student uses the UCD offer letter to apply to the CSC in China. Only when the student has been approved in both jurisdictions is the scholarship awarded.



Eligibility of the Applicants

- Applicants must be Chinese citizens but do not have to be resident in China at the time of application
- Applicants must meet the UCD minimum English Language Proficiency requirements
 - *For the internet based TOEFL (iTB), a minimum score of 90 is required.*
 - *For the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) an average score of 6.5 over all components is required, with not less than 6.0 in any one strand.*
- Applicants can be:
 - Undergraduate students in their final year
 - Masters students in the final year
 - PhD students in the first year of their Programme



Terms and Conditions of Scholarship

The successful students under the UCD-CSC scheme will

- have their tuition fees waived by the UCD School- the fee waiver is cost neutral to the school
- the CSC will cover the student's living expenses and airfares. The stipend is €1200 per month

Note: there is no consumables/travel budget associated with this Scholarship



Finding a Supervisor

The first step for candidates applying to UCD is to approach an academic member of staff requesting that they support them in their application to the CSC and supervise their PhD if successful in securing the scholarship.

If you are willing to support any potential PhD students please advise them to apply online www.ucd.ie/apply choosing UCD Chinese Scholarship Scheme (TX01)



Application Process-UCD

- The deadline for the submission of online applications to UCD is the **31st January**.
- In February, Graduate Studies will, with the permission of the nominated supervisor, submit the application to the School Graduate Committee for approval. The successful applications will then go to the College Graduate School Board for their endorsement of the approval or otherwise.
- Only those applicants approved by the relevant **UCD School** **AND UCD College Graduate School** will receive an offer letter



Application Process-CSC

- The CSC is only open for online applications from the **20th March-5th April** therefore the applicant needs their offer letter from UCD prior to this time
- Students apply online to the CSC here <http://apply.csc.edu.cn/> and upload the UCD offer letter with all other required documentation
- CSC release their results in May. Students access the results online.



Starting at UCD

- Normally students begin their PhD programme in September but in certain cases, with the permission of the CSC, they can begin in January or May
- As for all UCD Students, UCD-CSC Students confirm registration to UCD by going online in August
- UCD Graduate Studies will organise authorisation of fee payment once the student has registered
- The Chinese Embassy in Dublin will manage stipend for the students.



For all queries about the UCD CSC Scholarship Scheme:

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