SGS Award Announcement

To: Graduate Chairs/Directors; Graduate Coordinators; Graduate Administrators
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CC: Joshua Barker, Dean, Graduate Studies and Vice-Provost, Graduate Research and Education; Charmaine Williams, Acting Vice-Dean, Students; Laura Stathopoulos, Director, Graduate Awards and Financial Aid
Date: January 10, 2019
Re: China Scholarship Council – U of T Joint Funding Program

Please share this opportunity with your PhD applicants with Chinese citizenship, and any faculty members who may be interested in supervising eligible students. Be sure to remove the information for graduate units only at the bottom prior to sharing.

Award Overview

Student Deadline to CSC: March 31, 2019
Value/Duration: Living stipend for 4 years (see below for details)
Level of Study: PhD or PhD Direct Entry
Required Legal Status: International (Chinese citizens)
Results: May 2019 by agency

Purpose

The China Scholarship Council (CSC) is seeking more applications to award scholarships to outstanding Chinese students who will pursue a PhD degree at U of T under the China Scholarship Council – U of T Joint Funding Program.

Each year, CSC aims to fund 20 new Chinese students in its annual competition for the PhD degree program. For the 2018-19 academic year, CSC only received 9 applications, of which 6 were successful.

Value and Duration

CSC contribution: a living allowance (~$19,200 CAD) as prescribed by the Chinese Government (which includes UHIP) for up to forty-eight (48) months, a return international airfare and visa application fees.

U of T (graduate unit or supervisor) contribution: funding equivalent to the full cost of tuition and endeavour to provide other economic supports whenever possible by offering teaching assistantships or
Eligibility to Apply

In order to qualify for a CSC doctoral scholarship, the candidate must be a Chinese citizen. Applicants may be living in China or pursuing an undergraduate or master’s degree at a foreign institution (including U of T). Residents of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan are ineligible for this opportunity. Eligible students will have excellent marks, and will undertake to return to China upon completion of their studies.

Applicants must also meet all of the U of T’s requirements for admission to a doctoral program. Typically, this entails the prior completion of a degree equivalent to a U of T Master’s as well as meeting the minimum academic and English language requirements. PhD Direct Entry applicants are also eligible to be considered for CSC. In order to apply for the CSC scholarship, applicants must already have received an offer of admission from the University of Toronto formatted appropriately for the CSC application.

Current first year U of T PhD students in the funded cohort are typically ineligible to apply as they must demonstrate that no or limited funding (no more than $1600 CAD per year) is being or will be received.

Application Process

**Step 1:** Applicants to the University of Toronto must first apply for admission to a PhD program by the graduate unit’s deadline, or early enough to obtain an official offer of admission letter before the CSC submission deadline, whichever comes first. **IMPORTANT:** Applicants should indicate on the SGS Online Admissions Application that they have or will be applying for the "China Scholarship Council - University of Toronto Joint Funding Program". In addition, applicants should notify their proposed graduate unit, and potential supervisor that they intend to apply for a CSC scholarship and any associated deadlines.

**Step 2:** Apply to CSC via the [CSC Application Platform](https://www.csc.edu.cn) between March 10-31, 2019 (Beijing time) as per instructions on the [CSC website](https://www.csc.edu.cn). Applicants must have the appropriate U of T offer of admission letter in order to complete their online CSC application. Please note that as per the CSC guidelines, the offer letter must state that admission is conditional upon obtaining CSC funding. The letter shall not include conditions such as academic performance or English language proficiency.

For more information, please visit the [SGS website](https://www.utoronto.ca).

Results

CSC will communicate the results directly to applicants in May 2019.

Contacts & Resources

Please direct questions regarding the competition to:

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Information for Graduate Units Only
Admission Offers Conditional Upon Approved Scholarship Funding (as per the SGS Admissions Manual)

As there is an approved memorandum of understanding between U of T and CSC, graduate units are permitted to issue and CSC requires offers of admission conditional upon the student securing CSC scholarship support by the deadline to register. The admission code **CGE91** must be used on ROSI by graduate units to add this condition to the admission offer letter. Codes CGSC3 and CGD4 may also be used. No other conditions are permitted on the letter. Letters missing the CSC funding condition or has additional conditions such as minimum grade requirements or English language proficiency will likely be rendered unsuccessful/ineligible by CSC.

Graduate units are strongly encouraged to send their specially formatted offer of admission letters to the Graduate Awards Office for review before providing them to CSC applicants. If graduate units wish to provide an unconditional offer of admission, or remove the CSC condition at a later date, they may do so by modifying the candidacy on ROSI.

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