



## 2019 Confucius China Studies Plan (CCSP) Fellowship

The “Confucius China Studies Plan” (CCSP) provides funding for doctoral students and academics to study or carry out work in China and for workshops and publications on China Studies related topics.

Applications for the 2019 CCSP Fellowship are now **open all year round**. The Confucius Institute at the University of Melbourne can help assist interested students and scholars with the process of applying for the CCSP Fellowship, but it is not responsible for decisions or recommendations on applications or funding.

For further information or to express your interest in applying through these programs, please contact Julia Gong, Confucius Institute at the University of Melbourne, 9035 8205, [jgong@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:jgong@unimelb.edu.au).

The six programs are listed below:

1. Joint Research PhD Fellowship
2. PhD in China Fellowship
3. Understanding China Fellowship
4. Young Leaders Fellowship
5. International Conference Grant
6. Publication Grant

## Confucius China Studies Program (CCSP) PhD Fellowships

Over the past two decades, there has been a sharp increase in international interest in China, and the study of the Chinese language. The mission of the Confucius China Studies Program is to foster this interest by supporting China-related study and research among the international academic community's rising generation of young scholars. The CCSP Fellowships provide substantial funding to doctoral students, and award recipients are expected to further develop and improve their Chinese language skills for the duration of their grant. Since 2013, CCSP has funded over 600 scholars from 50 countries.

### Supported research areas:

The areas of research eligible for this funding are wide ranging, with the focus being on areas outside of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Research areas include, but are not limited to, language, literature and the arts, history, philosophy, sociology, political science, economics, education, international relations, cross cultural studies, and Confucius Institute development and management.

### Qualification requirements: (refer below for the specific requirements for each program)

- Non-Chinese (passport holding) applicants
- Necessary Chinese communication competence:
  - Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK) Level 3 for Research PhD Fellowship (Program No.1). Recommended, but not required
  - HSK Level 5 for the PhD in China Fellowship (Program No.2)

### Note:

- *For excellent applicants, the requirement for Chinese proficiency could be relaxed.*
- *Students of Confucius Institutes or applicants from universities with Confucius Institutes will have priority in application and admission.*
- *Please note that the Confucius Institute at the University of Melbourne can help assist interested scholars apply for the CCSP Fellowship. It does not make any decision or recommendation on the applications passing through it to the Confucius Institute Headquarters*

**Streams:**

<b>PhD Programs</b>			
<b>Streams &amp; Language Requirements</b>	<b>Program Description</b>	<b>Length of Program</b>	<b>Subsidy Amount</b>
<b>No. 1 Sino-foreign Joint Research PhD Fellowship (HSK-Level 3)</b>	<p>To support joint PhD candidates (under the age of 40) from overseas universities to conduct research at their Chinese partner university; for joint PhD's granted by both the Chinese and overseas university*</p> <p>* The University currently does not have a joint PhD agreement with any of the Chinese universities listed below. However, this may be subject to change.</p>	6 months to 2 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 80,000 RMB annual living stipend</li> <li>• 20,000 RMB annual research stipend</li> <li>• Insurance</li> <li>• Host university tuition</li> <li>• Reimbursement for the cost of round-trip, economy class airfare</li> <li>• Expenses for the foreign supervisor's visit or research in China</li> <li>• Financial support for a research visit to China by their home university advisor (Research PhD Fellowship only)</li> </ul>
<b>No. 2 PhD in China Fellowship (HSK-Level 5)</b>	International students (under the age of 40) who have already obtained MA degree may apply for support in pursuing a PhD degree in relevant majors at Chinese universities	3 to 4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 80,000 RMB annual living stipend</li> <li>• 20,000 RMB annual research stipend</li> <li>• Insurance</li> <li>• Host university tuition</li> <li>• Reimbursement for the cost of round-trip, economy class airfare</li> </ul>

### **Application**

Applicants shall log in to [ccsp.chinese.cn](http://ccsp.chinese.cn), download and fill in the application form, sign, scan and send the application form to [ccsp@hanban.org](mailto:ccsp@hanban.org), and then post the application forms and other supporting documents required (both Chinese and English versions) in one packet to the Confucius Institute Headquarters.

Confucius Institute at the University of Melbourne can advise on the full list of required documents.

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### **Participating Institutions**

- Beijing Foreign Studies University
- Beijing Language and Culture University
- Beijing Normal University
- East China Normal University
- Fudan University
- Jilin University
- Nanjing University (CI@UoM's Partner Institution)
- Nankai University
- Peking University
- Renmin University of China
- Shandong University
- Sichuan University
- Sun Yat-sen University
- Wuhan University
- Xiamen University

### ***PhD in China Fellowship Eligibility***

The CCSP PhD in China Fellowship is open to international (non-Chinese) students. In addition, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have completed a master's degree, or will have completed a master's degree by the start of the fellowship
- Are interested in pursuing their doctoral degree in China in the arts, education, humanities, and social sciences with a focus on China
- Do not hold a passport from Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, or Taiwan
- Will not be recipients of other Chinese government scholarship funding
- Have not spent a significant amount of time in the People's Republic of China during the years of their secondary education
- Have an HSK test score of 5 or higher, with priority given to applicants with higher scores.

### ***Research PhD Fellowship Eligibility***

The CCSP Research PhD Fellowship is open to international (non-Chinese) students. In addition, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled in a doctoral program (terminal master's, undergraduate students, and post-doctoral students are not eligible to apply)
- Pursuing a doctoral degree focusing in the arts, education, humanities, and social sciences with a focus on China
- Do not hold a passport from Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, or Taiwan
- Will not be recipients of other Chinese government scholarship funding
- Have not spent a significant amount of time in the People's Republic of China during the years of their secondary education.

In addition to the above requirements, it is recommended that applicants for the CCSP Fellowship take the HSK and receive a score of 3 or higher. Your application will still be considered and will not be at a disadvantage if you are not able to take the HSK.

**Other Streams of the Confucius China Studies Program (CCSP)**

<b>No. 3 “Understanding China” Visiting Scholars Program</b>			
<b>Streams &amp; Language Requirements</b>	<b>Program Description</b>	<b>Length of Program</b>	<b>Subsidy Amount</b>
No. 3.1 <b>Joint Research Program</b> (HSK-N/A)	Postdoctoral fellows or associate professors (or research fellows equivalent to associate professors) in overseas universities may go to Chinese universities (qualified for the CCSP) as visiting scholars and conduct joint research	2 weeks to 6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Living stipend: RMB 10,000 /month</li> <li>• International airfare</li> <li>• Medical insurance in China</li> </ul>
No. 3.2 <b>Short Visit to China</b> (HSK-N/A)	This program supports senior executives from government, business and finance; or educational and cultural organisations visit China	2 weeks to 2 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accommodation and visit costs in China</li> <li>• International airfare</li> <li>• Medical insurance in China</li> </ul>

**Note:**

Applications are open all year round. The application process will take around 3 months.

<b>No. 4 Young Leaders Program</b>			
<b>Streams &amp; Language Requirements</b>	<b>Program Description</b>	<b>Length of Program</b>	<b>Subsidy Amount</b>
No. 4 Young Leaders Program	<p>This program supports the following groups to visit China:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>senior undergraduate students and post-graduate students, who are leaders in student organisations, from leading overseas universities;</li> <li>Outstanding graduates with bachelor degrees in politics, economy, finance, law, education, culture, art and media, etc;</li> </ul>	2 weeks to 6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accommodation and visit costs in China</li> <li>International airfare</li> <li>Medical insurance in China</li> </ul>

<b>No. 5 International Conferences</b>		
<b>Streams &amp; Language Requirements</b>	<b>Program Description</b>	<b>Subsidy Amount</b>
No. 5 International Conference Program (HSK-N/A)	To support Confucius Institutes, overseas universities, research centres and fellows to <b>host</b> or <b>attend</b> China study related international conferences.	<p>Budget needs to be approved, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speakers' accommodation and travel</li> <li>Conference registration fee</li> <li>Publication of Conference Proceedings</li> </ul>

<b>No. 6 Publication Grant</b>		
No. 6 Publication Program (HSK-N/A)	To support overseas scholars (non-Chinese) to publish or translate academic works, PhD thesis and academic journals, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost for editing, translation, publication, distribution and promotion</li> </ul>