

China Scholarship Council – Newcastle University PhD Scholarships

2025 - 26

This scheme provides academically excellent Chinese students with the opportunity to study for a PhD at Newcastle University. The scholarships are supported jointly by the China Scholarship Council (CSC) and Newcastle University.

Terms and Conditions

1. Only applicants who state in the Funding section of their PhD application that they wished to be considered for China Scholarships Council – Newcastle University PhD Scholarships will be considered for awards. The University will consider applicants based on their PhD application; there is no separate scholarship application form to complete.
2. There are 10 awards available for the 2025/26 academic year: 6 in Science, Agriculture and Engineering; 2 in Humanities and Social Sciences and 2 in Medical and Life Sciences.
3. Full tuition fees of successful applicants will be funded by the University for a period of 48 months. The China Scholarship Council will provide a living allowance as per CSC policy.
4. To be eligible to be considered for these awards applicants:
 - a. must be Chinese citizens at the time of application and intend to return to China upon completion of their studies at Newcastle University
 - b. must have an unconditional offer from the University in one of the following areas: Humanities and Social Sciences, Science, Agriculture and Engineering, Medical and Life Sciences. Applicants with conditional offers will be considered if they fulfilled the academic and English language requirements of their programme offer.
 - c. must have the equivalent of a Merit or above in a UK Master's degree from a prestigious university.
 - d. must meet the relevant academic requirements as well as the English language proficiency requirements for entry into a PhD programme set out by the University by the 31st January 2025.
 - e. should not be currently working outside China at the time of application, and successful candidates must agree to return to China upon completion of their research degree at Newcastle University. Candidates currently studying outside China are eligible to apply, but not those who have already commenced a PhD programme of study prior to the 2025/26 academic year.
5. The primary supervisor (at Newcastle University) will need to give approval for proceeding with an application by confirming their recommendation of the candidate for the scholarship. This is in addition to following the University's admissions offer procedures.

It would be helpful for supervisors to give approval well in advance to enable candidates to have as much time as possible to work on applications before the deadline listed above.

The supporting statement (maximum of one A4) should be sent to scholarship.applications@ncl.ac.uk.

6. A preliminary selection of candidates will be made within each academic school and faculty in light of the high academic standard required and the limited number of awards. Only applications which schools and faculties decide to support will be forwarded to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Global for final approval.
7. Successful candidates will be notified of their award in March 2025 by email. An official funding letter will be provided by the nomination deadline which should be used to complete the CSC online application process as per the CSC deadlines.
8. Applications supported and approved by the University are **subject to further approval by the China Scholarship Council**. Successful candidates will be required to apply to the China Scholarship Council (CSC), satisfy the selection criteria set out by CSC ([Details can be found China Scholarship Council's website: https://www.chinesescholarshipcouncil.com/](https://www.chinesescholarshipcouncil.com/)) and must inform Newcastle University of the progress of their CSC application and interview date.
9. Awards will be renewed annually; subject to academic progression.
10. Current students already registered at Newcastle University are not eligible to apply under this scheme. Awards cannot be made retrospectively.
11. The University's decision on all China Scholarship Council – Newcastle University PhD Scholarships and interpretation of rules and regulations shall be final: appeals will not be considered.

Further enquiries:

Any enquiries regarding this scholarship should be sent to: scholarship.applications@ncl.ac.uk,
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