

Application Guide for International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship 2022

INTRODUCTION

For the purpose of satisfying the growing demand of the international community for Chinese language teachers and facilitating Chinese language education in other countries, the Center for Language Education and Cooperation (CLEC) will continue with the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship (hereinafter referred to as the Scholarship). Confucius Institutes, independently operated Confucius Classrooms, certain HSK test centers, Chinese language (education) departments of foreign universities, professional associations for Chinese language instruction, Chinese embassies (consulates) abroad (hereinafter collectively referred to as “recommending institutions”) may recommend outstanding students and currently-employed Chinese language teachers for study of International Chinese Language Education or related majors at Chinese universities and colleges (hereinafter referred to as “host institutions”).

ELIGIBILITY

- a) Non-Chinese citizens;
- b) Should be friendly to China, have no criminal record, and abide by the laws and regulations of the Chinese government and the rules and regulations of the school;
- c) In good physical and mental conditions, and with a good record of academic performance and conduct;
- d) Aspiring to work in the Chinese language education and related fields;
- e) Aged between 16 and 35 (as of 1 September, 2022), with the special allowance for the age limit of 45 for applicants currently working as Chinese language teachers and that of 25 for undergraduate student applicants.

SCHOLARSHIP TYPES AND QUALIFICATIONS

A. Chinese Language Teacher Programme

a) Scholarship for Doctor's Degree in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (DTCSOL)

The programme commences in September 2022 and provides scholarship for a maximum of four academic years. Applicants shall hold a Master's degree in majors such as Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language, Linguistics, or Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages. Applicants shall have a minimum score of 200 on the HSK Test (Level 6), and 60 on the HSKK test (Advanced Level).

Priority will be given to applicants who may provide a work contract with a teaching institution upon completing their studies in China or a proof to the same effect.

b) Scholarship for Master's Degree in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (MTCSOL)

The programme commences in September 2022 and provides scholarship for a maximum of two academic years. Applicants shall hold a Bachelor's degree, and have a minimum score of 210 on the HSK Test (Level 5) as well as 60 on the HSKK test (Intermediate Level).

Priority will be given to applicants who may provide a work contract with a teaching institution upon completing their studies in China or a proof to the same effect.

c) Scholarship for Bachelor's Degree in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (BTCSOL)

The programme commences in September 2022 and provides scholarship for a maximum of four academic years. Applicants shall hold a senior high school diploma and a minimum score of 210 on the HSK Test (Level 4) as well as 60 on the HSKK test (Intermediate Level).

d) Scholarship for One-Academic-Year Study

The programme commences in September 2022, and provides scholarship for a maximum of eleven months. International students who have benefited from similar scholarships are not eligible.

For the area of TCSOL, applicants shall have a minimum score of 270 on the HSK test (Level 3), and an HSKK test score is required.

For the areas of Chinese Language and Literature, Chinese History, and Chinese Philosophy, etc., applicants shall have a minimum score of 180 on the HSK test (Level 4) and 60 on the HSKK test (Intermediate Level).

For the area of Chinese Language Study, applicants shall have a minimum score of 210 on the HSK test (Level 3). Priority will be given to applicants who provide an HSKK test score.

e) Scholarship for One-Semester Study

The programme commences either in September 2022 or March 2023, and provide scholarship of a maximum of five months. Applicants holding the X1 or X2 visa are not eligible.

For the areas of TCSOL, Chinese Language and Literature, Chinese History, and Chinese Philosophy, etc.,^[1] applicants shall have a minimum score of 180 on the HSK test (Level 3), and an HSKK test score is required.^[1]

For the area of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Taiji Culture, applicants are required to provide HSK test scores. Priority will be given to applicants who also provide HSKK test scores.

f) Scholarship for Four-Week Study

The programme commences either in July or December, 2022, and provides a four-week scholarship. Applicants holding the X1 or X2 visa are not eligible.

For the areas of Chinese Study, Traditional Chinese Medicine, Taiji Culture, Chinese Language plus Home-Stay Experience in a Chinese Family, and Special Four-week Programme for Confucius Institutes, applicants are required to provide HSK test scores. The programme may be organized and applied for by a recommending institution with 10-15 participants per group. Prior to the trip, a detailed study plan shall be made in consultation with host institutions and such plan shall be submitted to CLEC for approval.

B. Cooperative Scholarships

Cooperative Scholarships are jointly funded by CLEC and educational departments and universities of other countries. The enrollment methods, slots, and forms of support under this type of scholarships will be updated on the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship application website.

C. Scholarship for Online Programmes

- a) Online Programme for One-year Chinese Language Study commences in September or March each year. A general Chinese proficiency test score of 180 in HSK (Level 3) is required, and HSKK scores are preferred.
- b) Online Programme for One-Semester Chinese Language Study commences in September or March each year. Generally, applicants must have an HSK score (no specific requirements for level or score).
- c) For Special Online Study Programme, please consult the relevant host institutions for specific application requirements and methods of application.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Online registration will be available from 1 March, 2022 on the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship application website (cis.chinese.cn). Please log on to search for recommending institutions and host institutions; upload application materials online; and track the application progress, comments and results. Scholarship holders need to confirm with the host institutions to go through the procedures of studying in China, print out the scholarship certificate online, and register at host institutions on the designated date as per the letter of admission.

The Application Deadlines (Beijing Time):

- a) For programmes commencing in July, applicants must complete their applications before 15 April, and recommending institutions and host institutions must complete reviewing before 25 April. ^[1]_{SEP}
- b) For programmes commencing in September, applicants must complete their applications before 15 May 15, and recommending institutions and host institutions must complete reviewing before 25 May 25. ^[1]_{SEP}
- c) For programmes commencing in December, applicants must complete their applications before 15 September, and recommending institutions and host institutions must complete reviewing before 25 September. ^[1]_{SEP}
- d) For programmes commencing in March 2023, applicants must complete their applications before 15 November, 2022, and recommending institutions and host institutions must complete reviewing before 25 November, 2022.

CLEC will entrust an expert panel to review the applications. Decisions will be made based on HSK and HSKK scores and levels, and in consideration of country distribution as well as other factors. The results will be published about three months before school starts.

Policies Regarding Currently Employed Chinese Language Teachers and Chinese Bridge Award Recipients

a) Currently employed Chinese language teachers:

Currently employed Chinese language teachers applying for the scholarships can be exempted from submitting Chinese Language Proficiency Test (HSK) certificates if they can provide proof of employment and a letter of recommendation from the institution where they work.

b) Chinese Bridge Award Recipients:

Applicants who have won the 2022 International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship Certificate in various Chinese Bridge competitions should submit their application documents along with their scholarship certificates to relevant host institutions on the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship website. For further inquiry, please contact **chinesebridge@chinese.cn**.

RECOMMENDING INSTITUTIONS AND HOST INSTITUTIONS

Recommending institutions and host institutions shall, pursuant to the Guide, provide consulting, recommendation and enrollment services.

OTHERS

a) Please contact host institutions for curriculum and course listings.

b) Applicants shall be familiar with the specific criteria and deadlines for registration, and submit necessary documents according to specific requirements.

c) Degree students are subject to the annual assessment according to the *Annual Appraisal Procedures of International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship*.

d) For enrollment and other matters during the Covid-19 epidemic, please contact the host institutions.

e) Students who fail to pass the pre-enrollment medical examination, withdraw from school midway, or fail to report to school or suspend their studies without permission will be disqualified for scholarship.

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Appendix

1 Scholarship Coverage and Criteria

2 Application Documents for Scholarship

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Appendix 1

Coverage and Criteria for International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship

The Scholarship provides full coverage on tuition fees, accommodation fees, living allowance (four-week study students excluded) and comprehensive medical insurance expenses.

a) The tuition fees are used by the host institution for the training and management of the scholarship students, the development of cultural activities and the organisation of Chinese language proficiency tests. The scholarship online programmes only support tuition fees.

b) Accommodation fees are under the overall planning and utilization of host institutions to provide students with in-campus apartments (usually double rooms). Students may also live off-campus upon application and getting permission from the host institutions. Students who live off campus are entitled to accommodation allowance of 1000 CNY per person/month for doctoral

students and 700 CNY per person/month for other students paid on a monthly / quarterly basis from the host institutions.

c) Living allowance is granted by host institutions on a monthly basis. The monthly allowance for undergraduates, one-academic-year study students and one-semester students is 2,500 CNY per person. For MTCSOL students, the monthly allowance is 3,000CNY per person. For DTCSOL students, the monthly allowance is 3500 CNY per person.

Students are required to complete enrollment procedures for every semester within stipulated period, otherwise their scholarship may be cancelled. Students who are enrolled before the 15th (or on the 15th) of the month are entitled to the full allowance of that month while those who enroll after the 15th of that month are entitled to half of the amount. During the study period, for any student who is absent from China due to personal reasons for more than 15 days (excluding winter and summer holidays), the allowance during absence will be suspended. For students who suspend study or drop out of school for personal reasons, or who are given disciplinary punishment by the host institutions, allowance will be terminated on the date of such suspension, dropping out or when the decision of such punishment is announced. The living allowance for the month of graduation will be granted half a month after the date of graduation or expiration day of the study confirmed by host institutions.

d) Comprehensive medical insurance is purchased by the host institutions in accordance with relevant regulations of studying in China stipulated by the Ministry of Education of China. Insurance fee per person is 160 CNY for four-week study students, 400 CNY for one-semester students, and 800 CNY per year for students engaged in program longer than one academic year.

Appendix 2

Application Documents for International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship

A. For all applicants:

- a) A scanned copy of passport photo page;
- b) A scanned copy of score reports of the HSK and HSKK tests (within the two-year validity);
- c) A reference letter by the head of the recommending institutions.

B. For degree scholarship programme applicants:

d) A certification of the highest education diploma (or proof of expected graduation) and an official transcript;

e) Applicants of the Scholarship for DTCSOL students are required to provide 2 reference letters from professors or associate professors or experts with equivalent professional and technical titles in relevant fields and a 3000-word personal statement in Chinese (including knowledge of the intended field of study and research proposal). Priority will be given to applicants who may provide a work contract with a teaching institution upon completing their studies in China or a proof to the same effect.

f) Applicants of the Scholarship for MTCSOL students are required to provide 2 reference letters from professors or associate professors. Priority will be given to applicants who may provide a work contract with a teaching institution upon completing their studies in China or a proof to the same effect.

C. Applicants currently working as Chinese language teachers shall provide proof of employment as well as a reference letter by the employer.

D. Applicants under the age of 18 shall provide certified documents of designation signed by their entrusted legal guardians in China.

E. Applicants shall also provide additional documents required by the host institutions.