Background
In September 2013, the University of Amsterdam and the China Scholarship Council signed an agreement on PhD training, catering for outstanding PhD candidates from China, to pursue a PhD at the UvA on a 48-month scholarship awarded by the CSC. PhD-candidates interested in pursuing this opportunity have to undertake a twofold procedure, comprising two tracks:
- Applying for a PhD position at the UvA
- Applying for a PhD scholarship at the CSC
This fact sheet provides information and relevant links on the procedure and can be used as a checklist by interested candidates.

Timings and deadline for the 2021 scholarship programme
The CSC application deadline was stipulated from 10-31 March. For up to date information check the website of CSC. Please note that we advise applicants to start the procedure of applying for a PhD position at the UvA well in advance of the deadline. You will need to arrange a letter of acceptance by your supervisor or the department well ahead of the CSC deadline.

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1. Identify an appropriate research group within UvA matching the thematic focus of your envisaged PhD research project – also see under 2.

2. Contact an envisaged PhD supervisor and prepare a PhD research proposal in consultation. If the prospective supervisor is willing to accept your proposal and act as your supervisor, you can go ahead. For possible supervisors in Medicine: https://www.amsterdamumc.org/research/researchers.htm for other faculties: https://www.uva.nl/en/about-the-uva/organisation/organisation.html

3. Submit a scan of your master and bachelor diploma and transcripts to your prospective supervisor. The supervisor will submit your dossier to the Doctorate Board for a preliminary diploma evaluation.

4. If the prospective PhD thesis supervisor approves your application and the preliminary diploma evaluation is positive, he/she can arrange approval of the director of the relevant department. The latter will issue a letter of acceptance, stating that the UvA will accept the PhD candidate if the candidate is selected by the CSC for a PhD scholarship. The letter has to be sent both to the applicant as well as the secretariat of the Doctorate Board at the UvA.

5. If the UvA accepts the PhD research proposal and the CSC decides to select the applicant for a PhD scholarship, you can start preparing your stay in Amsterdam.

Please consult the UvA’s Staff Immigration Office for guidance and advice and refer to: http://www.uva.nl/en/about-the-uva/working-at-the-uva/practical-information
Consult the website of the Doctorate Board on your admission to the PhD programme: www.uva.nl/phd

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1. Verify if you are an eligible candidate according to the CSC guidelines and regulations via: http://apply.csc.edu.cn/

2. Check with your promotor whether your English language proficiency meets the minimum requirements.

3. Upon completing steps 1 – 4 for applying for a PhD position at the UvA and obtaining a letter of acceptance, the applicants must apply to the CSC directly. For the 2021 programme, you are requested to submit your complete application to the CSC by the deadline communicated at the CSC website.

4. The CSC will undertake to select the candidates in May – June 2021 and notify the candidates of the outcome of the selection procedure.

Further information

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