**China Scholarship Council – University of Glasgow PhD programme 2016/17:**

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

For successful applicants, the applicable College/School will provide scholarships to cover tuition fees, and the CSC will consider their application for a living allowance as prescribed from time to time by the Chinese Government (which includes Student Health cover), a return airfare from China to the UK by the most economical route, and visa application fees.

The scholarships will be awarded to citizens and permanent residents of the People's Republic of China at the time of application that are accepted for admission on a full-time basis for a postgraduate PhD degree programme at the University of Glasgow.

Candidates 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 the University of Glasgow. Candidates currently studying outside China are eligible to apply, but not those who have already commenced a PhD programme of study prior to the 2016-2017 academic year.

**Eligibility:**

•High achieving Chinese students only.

•Full tuition fees.

•All studentships are funded for 3 years.

•Applications will be judged in terms of qualifications and the quality of the proposed project.

•All applications are reviewed and decided by the School funding panel.

•Applications approved by the School are subject to further approval by the China Scholarship Council

**Process for applications:**

In order to be considered for this scholarship you must:

1. Apply for postgraduate research at Glasgow: <http://www.gla.ac.uk/research/opportunities/howtoapplyforaresearchdegree/>

 2. For those applicants who wish to begin their PhD studies at Glasgow, it is recommended that you indicate in the funding section of your admission application that you wish to apply for CSC funding. For current PhD students (those in their second year), it is recommended that you contact your Graduate School to obtain an official letter which will enable you to apply to the CSC for a stipend. Contact details for the Graduate Schools can be found on the University’s main website.

3. Please note the scholarship applications will open on 2nd November 2015 and close on 16th March 2016, 5pm UK time. To be considered for a scholarship, it is preferred that applicants have an unconditional offer in place before the 2016 deadline. Those candidates who hold a conditional offer of admission must have satisfied all English language requirements. Please ensure that you fulfil the University of Glasgow language requirements before applying for CSC funding.

3. Apply to the China Scholarship Council (CSC) for this scholarship. Please review the CSC's introduction and application webpages for more information. Candidates should satisfy the selection criteria set out by CSC by completing the CSC Application Form and the CSC Employer Reference Form which can be found on the CSC website.

Applicants must be successful with applications to Glasgow and to the CSC in order to be accepted on this scholarship programme.

**Selection Procedure:**

College staff and the PGR Admissions team will be asked to submit by 16th March 2016:

* A list of ranked candidates of applicants who have been offered a place of admission at the University which will include the student's name and subject area, (all endorsed applications where a candidate has been offered a conditional offer of admission should have satisfied all English language requirements.)

Lexy Docwra will submit all the applications on behalf of the University to the CSC in mid-March 2016.

**Note to University Staff:**

PGR Admissions staff will be required to prepare a Scholarship Award letter for each student whom Colleges/Schools endorse to the CSC. This letter is an essential requirement of the application. All endorsed applications where a candidate has been offered a conditional offer of admission should have satisfied all English language requirements.

**Final Selection:**

The CSC will evaluate the list of applicants submitted by the University and will provide a shortlist of potential scholarship recipients to Lexy Docwra by the end of April/early May 2016. Lexy will then liaise with the College offices as quickly as possible to provide an update on which candidates have been successful.

| **2016 Timetable:**  |  |
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| 16th March | Deadline for receipt of application by candidates to College/Schools/Admissions Team and receipt of nominations and associated paperwork to Lexy Docwra. |
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| 29th April | Shortlist of potential CSC recipients to the University from CSC |
| May | Agreement between the University and CSC on successful scholars |